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# A point by point primer on how to lose your driver's licence.

It's actually quite simple.

All you do is accumulate fifteen demerit points and lose your licence for thirty days. Do it again and lose your licence for six months.

In this province, it definitely pays a driver to score a big fat zero. Ontario's demerit point system is designed to convince the poor driver to drive properly. Drivers who do not improve are then taken from the road because they're a menace to pedestrians and to other drivers.

But the system is not at all unjust. It's aimed at telling the driver where he's gone wrong and giving him plenty of time to correct his faults.

For instance. When you've accumulated six points, you'll be notified and urged to improve your driving.

When you've got nine, you'll probably be asked to attend a private interview and re-do your driving test.

At fifteen points, you'll lose your licence for thirty days and drop back to seven points. Get fifteen again and you won't drive for six months.

However, your record won't be

indelibly marked. If you drive for two years without a traffic conviction your points are erased and your slate is clean.

## How Demerit Points Accumulate:

7 points	Failing to remain at scene of an accident (Highway Traffic Act).	
6 points	Careless driving. Racing.	Exceeding speed limit by 30 m.p.h. or more.
5 points	Driver of bus failing to stop at unprotected railway crossings.	
4 points	Exceeding the speed limit by 20 to 29 m.p.h. Failing to stop for school bus. Following too closely.	
3 points	Exceeding speed limit by 11 to 19 m.p.h. Driving through, around or under railway crossing barrier. Failing to yield right of way. Failing to obey a stop sign, signal light or railway crossing signal.	Failing to obey directions of police officer. Failing to report an accident to a police officer. Improper passing. Crowding driver's seat. Wrong way on one-way street or highway.
2 points	Failing to lower headlamp beam. Improper opening of vehicle door. Prohibited turns. Towing of persons on toboggans, bicycles, skis, etc. prohibited.	Failing to obey signs other than those mentioned above. Pedestrian cross-over. Failing to share road. Improper right turn. Improper left turn. Failing to signal. Unnecessary slow driving.

The whole point is to score nothing, keep your record clean and drive happily ever after.



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