

What are my options if I am charged with a minor traffic violation?

You have four options:

1. Plead guilty and pay the fine, by mail or in person, without going to court. (A conviction will be entered on your driving record.)*
2. Plead not guilty and request a trial.*
**For options 1 and 2, follow the directions on your traffic ticket.*
3. Request the Traffic Safety Program. You do not have to appear in court, and a conviction is not entered on your driving record if you:
 - a. sign the "Plea of Guilty" portion of your traffic ticket,
 - b. pay the ticket fine and \$50 nonrefundable program fee,
 - c. attend the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving course offered by Richland Community College,
 - d. avoid further convictions during six months of Court Supervision.
4. You have an online option. Instead of using this form, go to www.judici.com to enter a plea, make your payment and (if desired) apply for supervision. Payment by credit/debit card.

What is the Traffic Safety Program?

The Traffic Safety Program, enacted by the Illinois Supreme Court and guided by the conference of Chief Judges, has been adopted by the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court. This program is intended to improve your driving skills, decrease the possibility of future traffic law violations, and reduce the chance you or someone else may be killed or injured in a traffic accident.

The Traffic Safety Program allows you to request Court Supervision and to avoid having minor traffic offenses appear as a conviction on your driving record.

What is the benefit of choosing the Traffic Safety Program?

If you successfully complete the Traffic Safety Program, the plea of guilty will be reported to the Secretary of State as "Court Supervision" and does not negatively impact your driving record.

Are you eligible for the Traffic Safety Program?

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. In the twelve (12) months preceding the date of this ticket, have you been convicted of any moving violation anywhere in Illinois?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. In the four (4) years preceding the issue date of this ticket, have you taken a 4-hour Defensive Driving class or been on Court Supervision anywhere in Illinois?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Was your ticket marked with Court Appearance Required ?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Were you charged with driving twenty-one (21) miles or more over the posted speed limit?
<p>If you answered YES to any of the questions above, you are NOT eligible to complete the Traffic Safety Program.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Were you under the age of twenty-five (25) at the time of the violation? (If YES , you must complete the Alive at 25 Program within 120 days of the plea of guilty. If you fail to complete the training or if you violate a traffic law during court supervision, a conviction will be entered against you and reported to the Secretary of State to be included on your driving record. Your program fee is forfeited.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Were you <u>under</u> the age of eighteen (18) at the time of the violation? (If YES , you must appear in court with a parent or guardian and request supervision. If allowed, you must complete the Alive at 25 Program within 120 days of the plea of guilty.)

Do you have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)?

If you have a CDL, you may be eligible to complete the program, however it will not prevent action against your CDL.

How does the program work?

If you choose the Traffic Safety Program option, you will receive four (4) hours of defensive driving instruction, and you will agree to obey all traffic laws during six months of Court Supervision.

How do I show I have completed the Traffic Safety Program?

If you complete the program through Richland Community College, Richland will notify the court regarding your program completion and will present you with a certificate of completion for your personal records.

If you fail to complete the training or if you violate a traffic law during court supervision, a conviction will be entered against you and reported to the Secretary of State to be included on your driving record. Your program fee is forfeited.

How much time do I have?

1. The ticket, this form, and monies must be delivered to the court not before ten (10) days and no later than three (3) days prior to your court appearance date.
2. You are required to complete a National Safety Council Defensive Driving class no later than 120 days from the date of the plea of guilty.
3. The 180 days of Court Supervision begins on the day following the plea of guilty.

What if I do not live near this county?

If you are interested in taking the class at an alternate location, follow the registration instructions and mark "alternate location" under class options. You will receive further details and instructions by mail from Richland Community College within 30 days. You are responsible for locating an alternate training site and submitting a National Safety Council DDC-4 certificate of completion to the circuit court within 120 days of the plea of guilty.



