

# Driving Rules of Orlando, Florida, USA

This document provides an overview of the driving rules and regulations specific to Orlando, Florida, USA. It is intended for residents, visitors, and tourists.

## 1. General Traffic Rules

- Vehicles drive on the **right-hand side** of the road.
- Overtaking is done on the **left**.
- Seat belts are **mandatory for all occupants**.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- Yield to pedestrians at **crosswalks** and intersections where indicated.

## 2. Required Documents

Drivers must carry:

- A valid **US driver's license** or **International Driving Permit (IDP)** for foreign visitors
- Vehicle registration and proof of insurance
- Passport or national ID for foreign visitors

## 3. Speed Limits (mph)

- **Residential / urban areas:** 25–35 mph
- **Arterial roads:** 40–50 mph
- **Highways / Expressways:** 55–70 mph

Always follow posted speed limits as they may vary by location.

## 4. Alcohol and Driving

- Legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit: **0.08%** for drivers over 21.
- Zero tolerance for drivers under 21 years old.
- Penalties include fines, licence suspension, and possible imprisonment.

## 5. Seat Belts and Child Safety

- Seat belts are **mandatory for all passengers**, front and rear.
- Children under **4 years** must be in a child safety seat.
- Children aged **4–7 years** must use a booster seat.
- Children under 13 should ride in the **rear seat**.

## 6. Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

- Use of **handheld mobile phones** while driving is prohibited in school zones.
- Hands-free devices are allowed.
- Texting while driving is illegal.

## 7. Winter / Seasonal Rules

- Florida rarely requires winter tyres or chains.
- Be cautious during heavy rain and flooding, especially in hurricane season (June–November).

## 8. Toll Roads and Fees

- Orlando has several **toll roads and expressways**.
- Payment via SunPass or cash at toll booths.
- Follow road signage carefully.

## 9. Parking Rules

- Park only in designated areas.
- Paid parking is common in downtown areas and tourist attractions.
- Illegal parking may result in fines or towing.

## 10. Traffic Enforcement and Penalties

- Traffic laws are enforced by the **Orlando Police Department** and Florida Highway Patrol.
- Speeding, DUI, and other violations can result in fines, points on the licence, or court appearances.

## 11. Emergency Numbers

- **911** – Police, Fire, Ambulance
- Non-emergency contacts: **407-246-2470** (Orlando Police Department)

## 12. Practical Driving Tips

- Be cautious of tourists and rental vehicles, especially near theme parks.
- Watch for bicycles and pedestrians in residential and downtown areas.
- Use GPS navigation to avoid traffic congestion.