



Traffic Safety Bulletin

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CHICAGOS' WORST

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Operations has compiled a list of Chicagos' "Worst 100" intersections as determined by the total number of accidents. We have listed the most dangerous of these intersections for each district, so that beat and traffic officers can direct their enforcement activities and maintain a high visibility at these locations, in an effort to reduce accidents and injuries.

| Districts | Location | Total Accidents |
|-----------|---|-----------------|
| 001 | Lake Shore Dr. — Balbo | 55 |
| 002 | State St. — Garfield Blvd. | 44 |
| 003 | Woodlawn Ave. — 75th St. — South Chicago Ave. | 56 |
| 004 | Stony Island Ave. — 95th St. | 102 |
| 005 | State St. — 95th St. | 38 |
| 006 | Lafayette Ave. — 87th St. | 66 |
| 007 | Wells St. — Garfield Blvd. | 51 |
| 008 | Pulaski Rd. — 79th St. | 34 |
| 009 | Western Ave. — Pershing Rd. | 46 |
| 010 | Sacramento Blvd. — Roosevelt Rd. | 44 |
| 011 | Cicero Ave. — Augusta Blvd. | 39 |
| 012 | Ashland Ave. — Madison St. — Ogden Ave. | 41 |
| 013 | Kedzie Ave. — Warren Blvd. | 40 |
| 014 | Damen Ave. — Elston Ave. — Fullerton Ave. | 121 |
| 015 | Cicero Ave. — Madison St. | 48 |
| 016 | Nagle Ave. — Devon Ave. — Milwaukee Ave. | 30 |
| 017 | Kimball Ave. — Belmont Ave. | 51 |
| 018 | Orleans St. — Ontario St. | 51 |
| 019 | Western Ave. — Irving Park Rd. | 54 |
| 020 | Western Ave. — Lawrence Ave. — Lincoln Ave. | 45 |
| 021 | No Locations in Worst 100 | — |
| 022 | Halsted St. — 103rd St. | 53 |
| 023 | No Locations in Worst 100 | — |
| 024 | Western Ave. — Peterson Ave. | 40 |
| 025 | Kostner Ave. — North Ave. — Grand Ave. | 71 |

ATTENTION SUPERVISORS

When completing the "Investigating Supervisor Section" of the Department Vehicle Accident and Damage Report formset (CPD 22.951), supervisors will provide the following information when investigating a Department vehicle accident resulting from an in-progress call, in accordance with Patrol Division Special Order 86-4.

- A. The location and the time of the in progress call.
- B. The R.D. number for the incident, if applicable.
- C. The type of case report completed, if applicable.

ARE YOU AWARE?

According to the instructions for the Traffic Accident Report CPD 22.110, when completing Boxes 14 and 40 indicate what, if any, safety equipment was being used by the driver or occupants at the time of the accident. The numbered codes are listed on the reverse side of the report.

NOTE: If the reporting officer did not witness the accident, O Unknown will be used.

WE GET QUESTIONS

Is a court appearance mandatory for drivers ticketed in personal injury accidents?

According to Special Order 78-36, Add. 2, a court appearance is mandatory in "any traffic offense which results in an accident causing the death of any person or injury to any person other than the accused". In other words, if the driver who is at fault is the only party injured in an accident then his court appearance is not mandatory, all other personal injuries are a "must appear".

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What is the law regarding Tinted windshields?

The violation is found under Chapter 12-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the front windshield and side windows immediately adjacent to each side of the driver may NOT be tinted. This violation shall not apply to vehicles manufactured prior to 1 January 1982, or those vehicles registered in another state. A tinted film may be used along the upper portion of the front windshield if such material does not exceed more than 6 inches down from the top.

SAFETY QUIZ

What is the maximum bumper height for all first division (passenger vehicles) as allowed by Chapter 95½ of the IVC ?

- A. 20 inches
- B. 22 inches
- C. 23 inches
- D. 24 inches

Answer: (B. twenty two inches)