

**“STOP” – Spokane Police Department Traffic School
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

What are the benefits of attending STOP?

STOP is designed to improve driver awareness and understanding of traffic laws, and to promote safe driving skills. Upon successful completion of STOP, your ticket will be dismissed and will not be reported to the Department of Licensing.

Who qualifies for STOP?

This program is for drivers who have received a Notice of Traffic Violation and do **NOT** have the following conditions:

- Ticket is for multiple violations, *unless* a single violation is accompanied by a second violation of no insurance.
- Ticket is **only** for a violation of no insurance.
- Ticket is for a criminal charge.
- Ticket is for any of the following violations:
 - Negligent Driving.
RCW 46.61.525
 - No Valid Operator’s License.
RCW 46.20.015.
 - Intermediate Drivers License
RCW 46.20.075
 - Instructional Permit
RCW 46.20.055
 - Drivers License Restrictions
RCW 46.20.041
 - School/Playground Zone
RCW 46.61.440
 - Safety Zone
RCW 46.61.260
 - Construction Zone
RCW 46.61.527
- Ticket is associated with a collision.
- Driver has a Commercial Driver’s License
- Driver’s license is suspended, revoked, or expired
- Driver has completed STOP within the last two (2) years.
- Driver was granted a deferral of a prior traffic infraction and the deferral is still pending.

How often am I eligible to attend STOP?

Once every 24 months.

Does this dismiss my ticket?

Yes, completion of STOP will dismiss your traffic infraction.

Will attending STOP impact my insurance?

Successful completion of STOP will result in dismissal of your ticket, therefore, the Department of Licensing will not be notified and your insurance will not be negatively impacted by the issuance of the ticket.

How do I sign up for STOP?

You must complete an application and submit it, along with the class entry fee, to:
Spokane Municipal Court Clerk's Office
W. 1100 Mallon
Spokane, WA 99201

If you send in your application by mail, and the court finds that you are not eligible to attend STOP, you will be notified and your money refunded.

What does it cost to go to SPD's Traffic School?

\$139.00

Do you accept credit cards?

No, only cash, check or money order are accepted.

Where are the STOP classes held?

The STOP classes are held at the Spokane Police Training Center, 2302 N. Waterworks, Spokane.

Is there a charge for parking?

No.

Who teaches the class?

The classes are taught by Spokane Police Officers who currently work in the traffic unit or have previously worked in the traffic unit.

How much time does it take to complete STOP?

The course is 6 hours long and is offered on Tuesday/Thursday nights from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm each night OR on Saturday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. The Saturday class includes a lunch break.

How many people will be in the class?

The class will have no more than 30 people in attendance.

Can I bring a friend to the class?

No, you cannot bring a friend, family member, or pets with you to attend STOP.

Will there be a smoke break or lunch break?

Yes. Break times will be incorporated into the class.

What do I need to bring to class?

At the time of the class, you must present a valid driver's license. If you were also cited for a violation of "no valid insurance", you must present proof of insurance at the time of the class (*insurance must be current and insure the vehicle in which the violation occurred, or be a broad form type of insurance covering you as the driver of the vehicle*).

Can I reschedule the class if I can't make it that day?

Yes, you may reschedule your STOP class by calling the Spokane Municipal Court Clerk's Office at 509-625-4400, M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

If I can't attend the school, will my application fee be refunded?

Yes, if you are unable to attend the school after registering, please contact the Spokane Municipal Court Clerk's Office at 509-625-4400, M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

What do I do if I require ADA accommodations?

Please contact the Spokane Municipal Court Clerk's Office at 509-625-4400, M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

What do I do with the ticket I received from the police officer?

You must respond to your ticket within 15 days from the day you received it.

If you would like to attend STOP, you must request a Mitigation or Contested Hearing as instructed on the back of your ticket. The court will send you a court date. If you are not eligible for STOP or elect to not attend STOP once you are registered, you must appear at your hearing or pay the ticket prior to the hearing. Completion of STOP will automatically cancel the hearing.

Do I need to go to my court hearing if I attended STOP?

No. If you successfully complete STOP, the court will cancel your hearing and dismiss the ticket.

How will the court know I completed STOP?

The instructors at STOP will inform the court who successfully completed the class.

Will I receive proof showing I completed STOP?

Yes, you will receive a certificate of completion.

Will I receive proof that the ticket was dismissed?

Yes, the court will send you an Order of Dismissal.