

## **“Nots” For the Hots**

### **Illegal equipment**

#### **Loud Car Stereo (108-5-2 county code)**

Illegal if heard more than 50 feet from a parked vehicle.



#### **Radar Detectors / Jammers (46.2-1079)**

Radar / Laser Detectors, Jammers or any device which interferes with radar signals are illegal.



#### **Altering Appearance of License Plates (46.2-716)**

No colored glass, colored plastic, or any other type of covering shall be placed, mounted, or installed on or over any license plate that alters or obscures the license number, color, name of state or month and year that it expires. No insignia, emblems, trailer hitches or couplings shall be mounted in such a way as to hide or obscure any portion of the license plate or render any portion of the license plate illegible.



#### **Display of License Plates (46.2-715)**

License plates are issued to a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, tractor truck, trailer or semitrailer, or to persons licensed as a motor vehicle dealer or transporter of unladen vehicles, shall be attached to the front & rear of the vehicle.

#### **Illegal Possession or Sale of Certain Unapproved Equipment (46.2-1002)**

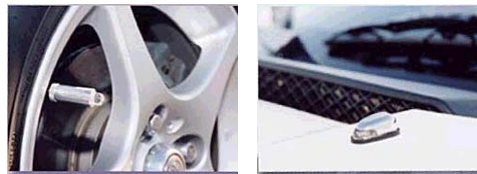
It is illegal to use any equipment for which approval is required or any part or parts tending to change or alter the operation of such equipment unless approved by the Superintendent or meets or exceeds the standards and specifications of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American National Standards Institute, or the federal Department of Transportation.

#### **Defective or Unsafe Equipment (46.2-1003)**

It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle which is defective or in an unsafe condition.

#### **Other Permissible Lights (46.2-1020)**

A motor vehicle may not be equipped with more than one or two fog lights, one or two auxiliary driving lights if equipped by the manufacturer, two daytime running lights, two side lights of not more than six candlepower, an interior light or lights of not more than 15 candlepower each, and signal lights. It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle not otherwise authorized to be equipped with colored emergency lights, whether blinking or steady-burning.



#### **Objects Obstructing Drivers View (46.2-1054)**

It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle on a highway with any object or objects, other than a rear view mirror, sun visor, or other approved equipment suspended from any part of the motor vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the driver's clear view of the highway through the windshield, the front side windows, or the rear window.

#### **Bumper Height (46.2-1063)**

On cars, the bottom of the bumper can not be lower than 14 inches nor higher than 22 inches from the ground.

#### **Lift Blocks on Front-end Suspension (46.2-1064)**

No motor vehicle whose front-end suspension has been modified by the use of lift blocks shall be driven on any highway.

#### **Exhaust System (46.2-1049)**

It is illegal to operate and no owner of a motor vehicle shall allow the operation of any vehicle on a highway, unless it is equipped with an exhaust system of a type installed as standard factory equipment, or comparable to that designed for use on the particular vehicle as standard factory equipment, in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise.

#### **Window Tinting (46.2-1052)**

It is illegal to operate any motor vehicle with any sign, poster, colored or tinted film, sun-shading material, or other colored material on the windshield, front or rear side windows, or rear windows on a highway. No sun-shading or tinting films may be applied or affixed to the rear side windows or rear window that reduce the total light transmittance to less than thirty-five percent or the front side windows that reduce total light to less than fifty percent. No sun-shading or tinting films shall be applied or affixed to any window of a motor vehicle that (i) have a reflectance of light exceeding twenty percent or (ii) produce a holographic or prism effect. No film or darkening material may be applied on the windshield except to replace the sunshield in the uppermost area as installed by the manufacturer of the vehicle.

## STREET RACING

For those who love cars, customizing and racing are a way of life. Some dedicated performance enthusiasts, however, are putting their cars, their buddies and their lives on the line by street racing.

Street racing is illegal. The Fairfax County Police won't hesitate to take street racers to court!

Conviction on a street racing violation means:

- ◆ Confinement in jail for up to 12 months
- ◆ A fine up to \$2,500.
- ◆ A vehicle involved in racing may be seized and disposed of.
- ◆ The court shall suspend your driver's license for a period of not less than 6 months and up to 2 years.
- ◆ Any person who aids or abets a Race also faces a confinement in jail for up to 12 months and a fine up to \$2,500, either or both.

Why take the chance. Instead, take your car to a National Hot Rod Association-sanctioned track or drag strip, where you can race safely under optimum conditions.

<http://www.nhraonline.com/>



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### District Police Stations

Fair Oaks District Station  
703-591-0966

Franconia District Station  
703-922-0889

Mason District Station  
703-256-8035

McLean District Station  
703-556-7750

Mount Vernon District Station  
703-360-8400

Reston District Station  
703-478-0904

Sully District Station  
703-814-7000

West Springfield District Station  
703-644-7377



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## Tips for owners of custom cars

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