

TRAFFIC NEWSLETTER

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House Bill 2840 SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS • HB 2840, passed in the 2005 Legislative Session, requires a 20 mph speed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on days when school is in session and when school zone lights are flashing on roads and streets adjacent to schools. The bill also addresses school zones on roadways that are not adjacent to a school by requiring a 20 mph speed when a flashing light is in operation or "when children are present" as defined in ORS 811.124.

This law is effective July 1, 2006.

After July 1, 2006, DMV will post convictions using the current process and conviction literal for speeding in a school zone (V SP SCH ZN).

The courts must forward notification to DMV that an offender has been convicted under ORS 811.111 when the offense was speeding in a school zone.

For additional information, please call (503) 945-5000 or (503) 299-9999 (Portland Metro Area).

Vehicle Code Books • DMV is in the process of publishing the new Oregon Vehicle Code book. The books are expected to be available for purchase sometime in June 2006. The charge for the books is \$5 per copy, which covers the cost of compiling, publishing, and distributing the books.

Format - The books are expected to be approximately 5½ by 8½ inches in size, and will continue to be available in both a bound and loose-leaf versions. There will be a limited number of loose-leaf (notebook style) books available. The loose-leaf format requires a three ring binder, which is not provided by DMV. Requests for loose-leaf books will be filled on a first-come first-served basis until the supply has been exhausted. If there are no loose-leaf books available, requests will be filled with the bound version of the book.

To purchase copies of the book, send your written request, with payment, to:

**DMV - Record Services
1905 Lana Ave NE
Salem OR 97314**

To ensure that you receive the correct publication, please be sure to state that you are requesting the 2005-2006 Oregon Vehicle Code. Also, be sure to include the complete name and address where you want the books shipped. If the books need to come to a particular person's attention, please include that information in your request. Please state the number of books you are requesting, as well as the format (see above). If no format is specified the order will be filled with the bound version of the book. It is also a good idea to include a phone number and the name of the person to be contacted in case there are any questions about your request. You must send payment with your request, as DMV is unable to process requests without proper payment. If you have any questions, please contact DMV Customer Assistance at (503) 945-5000.

Studded tires • March 31 is the last day drivers may use studded tires on their vehicles. In Oregon, studded tires may be used only Nov. 1 through March 31, unless severe winter weather prompts the Department of Transportation to extend the deadline a few days.

Oregon spends about \$11 million per year repairing studded-tire damage on city streets, county roads and state highways, according to ODOT estimates.

Drivers using studded tires on their vehicles after the deadline may be cited with a Class C traffic violation, with a fine up to \$250.
