

# UNCLASSIFIED MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES

## Elements of Offense

## C.R.S. Citation

### VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

#### Offenses Related to Taxation

1. **Records of application and registration.** Any person who fails to acquire insurance coverage for any motor vehicle operated on public highways commits a misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-3-113 (3)  
(minimum \$500 fine, maximum \$1,000 fine and 1 year in jail)

#### Offenses Related to the Regulation of Vehicles and Traffic

2. **Operation of an unsafe vehicle.** Any owner who receives written notice and a summons indicating that he or she is operating an unsafe vehicle commits a misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-4-203 (4) (a) (I)  
(\$100 fine; \$5 fine if repairs are made or the vehicle is disposed of within 30 days)  
  
Any nonowner driver who receives written notice and a summons indicating that he or she is operating an unsafe vehicle commits a misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-4-203 (4) (b) (I)  
(\$100 fine; \$5 fine if repairs are made or the vehicle is disposed of within 30 days)
3. **Violation of the statute governing emissions inspections.** Any vehicle owner who operates a motor vehicle that is registered or required to be registered, or who allows such a motor vehicle to be parked on property available for public use, when the vehicle has not passed any necessary emissions test, commits a misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-4-313 (3) (c)  
(\$50 fine)  
  
Any nonowner driver who operates a motor vehicle that is registered or required to be registered, or who allows such a motor vehicle to be parked on property available for public use, when the vehicle has not passed any necessary emissions test, commits a misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-4-313 (3) (d)  
(\$15 fine)
4. **Violation of the statute governing visible emissions from diesel-powered motor vehicles.** Any owner or nonowner driver who violates any of the provisions of section 42-4-413, concerning visible emissions from diesel-powered motor vehicles, commits a misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-4-413 (2) (c) (I) and (2) (d) (I)  
(\$100 fine)

#### Offenses Related to Highway Safety

5. **Unlawful transportation of hazardous materials.** Any person who transports hazardous materials without a permit in violation of any of the provisions of section 42-20-201 commits a misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-20-204 (1)  
(\$250 fine)
6. **Deviation from route authorized for the transportation of hazardous materials.** Any person who transports hazardous materials by motor vehicle in a manner incontinent with the route authorized by law commits a misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-20-305 (2)  
(first offense: \$250 fine; subsequent offense within 1 year: \$250 - \$500 fine)