

RECKLESS DRIVING IN VIRGINIA: The Truth, The Whole Truth, Nothing But The Truth SO HELP ME GOD!

THIS IS A VIRGINIA RECKLESS DRIVING SPECIAL REPORT

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I WROTE THIS SPECIAL REPORT FOR THREE REASONS

1. Educate you on the seriousness of your Reckless Driving charge.
2. Give you example of how we have helped others with this serious criminal traffic charge.
3. Give you an opportunity to understand your charges and defenses so that you will be better informed as to who you would want to represent you!

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY OF RECKLESS DRIVING

Reckless driving convictions in Virginia are **VERY serious**. In Virginia, reckless driving can be charged for several reasons, including:

- being clocked or paced at **80 MPH regardless of the posted speed limit**
- Being clocked or paced going **20 MPH or more over any posted speed limit**
- Operating a vehicle in a manner that exhibits a **conscious disregard for life, limb or property**
- **Passing a school bus**, that is properly marked, **stopped for the purposes of picking up or letting children ext.**

HECK, there are many laws that allow police officers to charge you with Reckless Driving.

Because these charges are criminal, the Commonwealth Attorney (Prosecutor) or the officer testifying in the prosecutor's absence, must prove each element of the charge beyond a reasonable doubt. This is not always an easy task.

A lawyer may be able to "poke holes" into the prosecutions evidence that would give you a better opportunity for a reduced or dismissal of your charge.



CALL US AT: 757-213-6969 YOU NEED TO KNOW THE SPECIFICS OF YOUR CASE AND HOW TO DEFEND AGAINST IT'S CONSEQUENCES. And let me add, I CAN THINK OF NOTHING CONCIEVABLE GOOD ABOUT A RECKLESS DRIVING CHARGE!

WHAT ARE YOU FACING IF CONVICTED?

Reckless Driving carry the following consequences:

- Up to **ONE YEAR IN JAIL**; and
- **UP TO A \$2500.00 fine**; and
- **Up to six months revocation of your driver's license/privilege to drive in Virginia**; and
- **SIX (6) point reduction on your DMV record**; and
- Potential **INCREASES IN INSURANCE PREMIUMS**; and
- **INCREASED sentencing guidelines** for convictions of other criminal charges

IF you are convicted of Reckless Driving, you will have on your record a **Class 1 misdemeanor**, which is the most sever misdemeanor charge in Virginia.

This could:

1. hurt you chances of obtaining certain employment positions
2. cause you to lose your CDL, if you have been awarded one
3. increase sentencing guidelines should you be charged with certain future offenses, in most cases, no matter the state you reside.
4. And much, much more

YOUR RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY REPRESENT YOU

In Virginia, reckless driving is a serious criminal traffic charge – much more than a glorified traffic ticket! Because a conviction brings with it the possibility of up to **ONE YEAR IN JAIL**, every jurisdiction will make you sign a waiver, should you choose to proceed without an attorney. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** If the charge is serious enough for the presiding Judge to demand that you sign a waiver to proceed without an attorney, how important do you think it is to consider hiring a reckless driving defense litigation attorney? It may make a major difference in your defense to retain a lawyer skilled in the practice of Reckless Driving Defense.



Attorney Swango has grown his traffic law firm into a very personable, client friendly firm. Traffic cases such as reckless driving, driving on suspended license and DUI's account for more than 90% of his case load. Mr. Swango is a member of the Virginia State Bar. Mr. Swango was recognized by Madison's Who's Who as the "Man of the Year – Law 2008" and was the only recipient of this award nationwide. He was selected because of his firm's unique approach towards helping his clients and the "down-to-earth" no-nonsense approach employed with each client and their case. Attorney Swango is proud of his "down-to-earth" approach and his "Trial Tough" mentality, while providing all Virginian's with a fee friendly law firm! Mr. Swango is TRIAL TOUGH!

If you would like to retain Attorney Swango, please call 757-213-6969.

"I want to represent you. Please allow me the opportunity to serve your legal needs!" Jason Swango

A SAMPLE OF OUR RECENT RECKLESS DRIVING DEFENSE OF THOSE CHARGED WITH RECKLESS DRIVING*:

***DISCLAIMER – CASE RESULTS DEPEND ON A VARIETY OF FACTORS UNIQUE TO EACH CASE AND CASE RESULTS DO NOT GUARANTEE OR PREDICT A SIMILAR RESULT IN ANY FUTURE CASE UNDERTAKEN BY THE LAWYER.**

1. Virginia Beach: Charged with Reckless Driving 80/55.
RESULT: Reduced to speeding 15-19 over.
2. Virginia Beach: Charged with Reckless Driving passing a school bus while picking up children.
RESULT: Reduced to Improper Driving.
3. Chesapeake: Charged with Reckless Driving 78/55.
RESULT: Dismissed.
4. Chesapeake: Charged with Reckless Driving 85/55.
RESULT: Reduced to Improper Driving.
5. Hampton: Charged with Reckless Driving 78/55.
RESULT: Reduced to defective equipment.
6. Newport News: Charged with Reckless Driving 57/35.
RESULT: Dismissed
7. Hampton: Charged with Reckless Driving 77/55.
RESULT: Reduced to improper driving.
8. Portsmouth: Charged with Reckless Driving 79/55.
RESULT: Reduced to 15-19 speeding.
9. Hampton: Charged with Reckless Driving 91/60
RESULT: No active jail time, No suspended license, 100.00 fine
10. Norfolk: Charged with Reckless Driving
RESULT: Reduced to Improper Driving
11. Chesapeake: Charged with Reckless Driving 45/25
RESULT: Dismissed
12. Virginia Beach: Charged with Reckless Driving 80/55
RESULT: Reduced to Speeding with a \$105 fine
13. Virginia Beach: Charged with Reckless Driving passing a school bus
RESULT: Reduced to improper driving 50.00 active fine
14. Hampton: Charged with Reckless Driving Failure to maintain control resulting in a accident
RESULT: Reduced to improper driving \$100.00 fine
15. Norfolk: Charged with Reckless Driving 85/55
RESULT: Reduced to speeding \$105.00 fine
16. Virginia Beach: Charged with Reckless Driving 55/35
RESULT: Reduced to Improper Driving
17. Newport News: Charged with Reckless Driving 75/55
RESULT: Reduced to speeding
18. Suffolk: Charged with Reckless Driving (CDL)
RESULT: Dismissed
19. Suffolk: Charged with Reckless Driving 85/55
RESULT: Reduced to Improper Driving
20. Hampton: Charged with Reckless Driving 81/60
RESULT: Reduced to speeding \$105.00 fine
21. Norfolk: Charged with Reckless Driving 75/55
RESULT: Reduced to speeding \$75.00 fine
22. Virginia Beach: Charged with Reckless Driving 81/55
RESULT: Reduced to simple speeding