

Proof Of Insurance Required For All Iowa Drivers

Effective January 1, 1998, Iowa motorists are required to carry a vehicle financial liability card in all registered vehicles. This is to help combat the growing number of uninsured motorist who are involved in accidents. A law enforcement officer may ask for a proof of insurance card when a driver is involved in an accident or traffic violation.

It is not required in the state of Iowa to show proof of insurance when registering a vehicle or while obtaining a driver's license as it is in other states.

Failure to present proof of financial responsibility at the time of any accident or moving violation could result in the following actions enforced by a law officer:

- 1. Issue a warning.**
- 2. Issue a citation and remove the motor vehicle's license plates and registration from the motor vehicle. The vehicle is given a temporary 30 day plate. If the driver cannot prove they had coverage in effect within the 30 days, they are subject to \$100 fine until July 1, 1999, at which time will increase to \$250 if in conjunction with a moving violation and a \$500 fine if in conjunction with an accident. If the driver can prove coverage, the fine is waived and a \$15 administration fee is charged.**
- 3. Issue a citation and impound the vehicle. To reclaim the vehicle, proof of insurance will be required. If the motor vehicle is not claimed within 30 days, the vehicle will be treated as an abandoned vehicle.**

Please take the necessary steps in all of your dealerships to comply with this new state law.