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RED LIGHT CAMERA VIOLATIONS

OVERVIEW

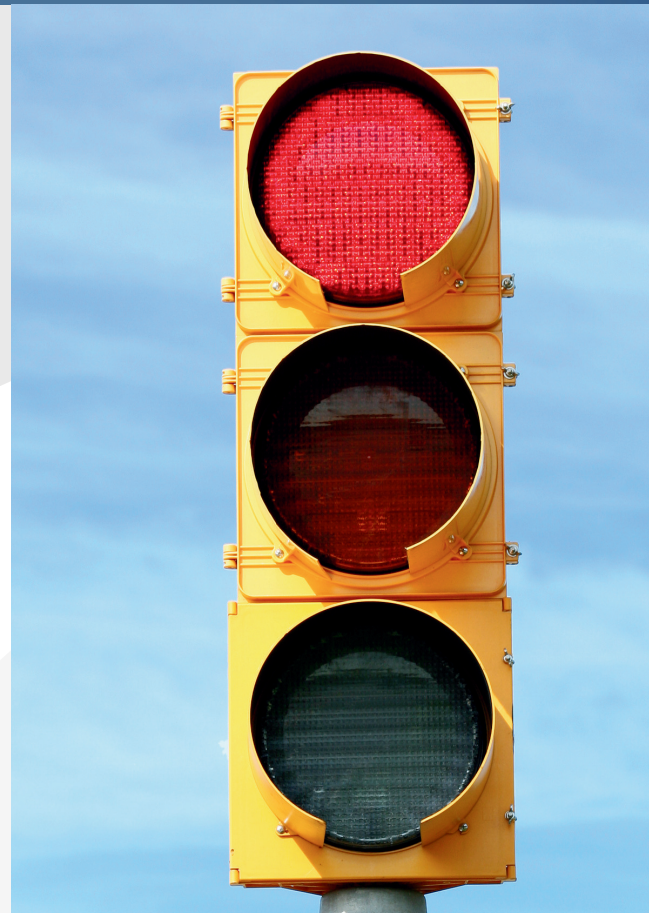
The City of Syracuse is continuing its efforts to improve student safety through its red light camera enforcement program. As part of the City of Syracuse's School Zone Traffic Enforcement initiative, in partnership with Syracuse City School District, red lights in and around school zones are now equipped with cameras to deter drivers from running red lights, which can lead to dangerous accidents, especially in areas with high foot traffic like school zones.

What do the cameras do?

When a vehicle runs a red light, the camera system is triggered to capture images and videos of the violation, including the vehicle's license plate. The footage is used as evidence of the traffic violation. This evidence is then reviewed, and if a violation is confirmed, a citation is issued to the vehicle owner.

Why is the City of Syracuse implementing this program?

Red light cameras are used to enhance the safety of students and pedestrians by deterring drivers from running red lights, which can lead to dangerous accidents, especially in areas with high foot traffic like school zones. As part of the Vision Zero Initiative, Syracuse is committed to eliminating traffic deaths and creating a more equitable, healthy, walkable, and bikeable city.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VEHICLE OWNERS

Through high-resolution imaging, license plates are captured for the purpose of sending fines to **vehicle owners**.

It is important for vehicle owners to ensure that insured motorists who are operating an owner's vehicle follow all New York State traffic laws.

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WHAT TO KNOW

What is a violation?

- The intersection photo enforcement system is only activated to record when a vehicle runs a red light. They do not record continuously.
- The camera captures two photographic images and video of the alleged red light violation:
 - The first image provides a view of the vehicle **BEFORE** crossing the crosswalk, while showing that the traffic light is red.
 - The second image provides a view of the vehicle **AFTER** crossing the crosswalk, demonstrating that the vehicle proceeded through the intersection while the traffic light remained red.

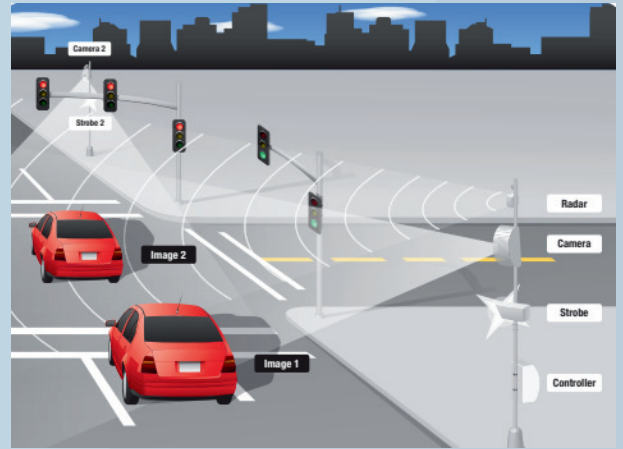


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Do red light cameras operate 24/7 or only during school hours?

- Red light cameras operate 24/7, regardless of the time of day or whether school is in session. This ensures that traffic laws are enforced consistently and that violations are captured at any time, enhancing overall road safety in school zones.

What is the penalty for running a red light in a school zone?

- In New York State, the penalty for running a red light is \$50. A \$25 late penalty will be added for unpaid fines.

Who reviews the footage from the cameras?

- The footage is initially reviewed by the red-light camera contractor to determine if a violation occurred. The Syracuse Police Department then confirms the footage before issuing a citation.

What to do if you want to dispute a violation? The Municipal Violations Bureau (MVB) handles the adjudication of tickets issued by the City of Syracuse. The MVB allows vehicle owners to dispute tickets, and conducts quick and fair hearings. To learn more about disputing school zone traffic enforcement tickets, visit the Municipal Violations Bureau at City Hall or visit syr.gov/SZTE.