

Maintaining Field of Vision – Internal/External Cargo/Loads Oregon Revised Statutes

(Windows)

815.220 Obstruction of vehicle windows; penalty. (1) A person commits the offense of obstruction of vehicle windows if the person drives or moves on any highway or owns and causes or knowingly permits to be driven or moved on any highway any vehicle with windows obstructed in a manner prohibited under this section.

(2) The windows of a vehicle are obstructed in a manner prohibited by this section if any material that prevents or impairs the ability to see into or out of the vehicle is upon any vehicle window described in this subsection. This subsection applies to any sign, poster, one-way glass, adhesive film, glaze application or other material if the material prevents or impairs the ability to see into or out of the vehicle. This subsection only applies to the following windows of the vehicle:

(a) The front windshield.

(b) The side-wings.

(c) The side windows on either side forward of or adjacent to the operator's seat.

(3) Nothing in this section prohibits safety glazing materials of a type that conforms to standards established under ORS 815.040.

(4) Nothing in this section prohibits placement of permits in accordance with the provisions of ORS 803.650 or with rules adopted by the Department of Transportation under ORS 803.650.

(5) Nothing in this section prohibits the application of tinting material to the windows of a motor vehicle in compliance with ORS 815.221.

(6) The offense described in this section, obstruction of vehicle windows, is a Class D traffic violation. [1983 c.338 §490; 1985 c.16 §255; 1987 c.166 §5; 1995 c.263 §4; 1995 c.383 §91; 2003 c.158 §5; 2013 c.199 §1]

(Mirrors)

815.235 Operation without rearview mirror; exemptions; penalty. (1) A person commits the offense of operation without a rearview mirror if the person does any of the following:

(a) Drives or moves on any highway any motor vehicle that is not equipped with a rearview mirror or device that meets the requirements under this section.

(b) Owns a motor vehicle and causes or knowingly permits the vehicle to be driven or moved on any highway when the vehicle is not equipped with a rearview mirror or device that meets the requirements under this section.

(2) A rearview mirror or device only meets the requirements of this section if it enables the driver of the vehicle to have such a clear and unobstructed view of the rear at all times and under

all conditions of load as will enable the driver to see any other vehicle approaching from not less than 200 feet in the rear on an unobstructed road.

(3) This section does not apply to the following vehicles:

(a) Vehicles of special interest that are registered under ORS 805.020 and that were not equipped with rearview mirrors when originally manufactured.

(b) Road machinery, road rollers or farm tractors.

(c) Antique vehicles that are registered under ORS 805.010 and that were not equipped with rearview mirrors when originally manufactured.

(4) The offense described in this section, operation without a rearview mirror, is a Class C traffic violation. [1983 c.338 §493; 1985 c.69 §3; 2015 c.138 §33]

815.237 Forward crossview mirror; failure to inspect; exemptions; penalty. (1) As used in this section, “forward crossview mirror” means a mirror or device that enables the driver of a motor truck to have a clear and unobstructed view of persons or objects directly in front of the motor truck.

(2) A person commits the offense of failure to inspect if the person operates a motor truck with a combined weight of more than 10,000 pounds used in commercial delivery and the person:

(a) Operates the motor truck without a forward crossview mirror; or

(b) Fails to visually inspect the intended path of the vehicle to verify that the path is free of persons or objects before the person reenters the motor truck.

(3) This section does not apply to:

(a) Commercial buses;

(b) Tow vehicles;

(c) Vehicles owned or operated by the United States or by any governmental jurisdiction within the United States except when owned or operated as a carrier of property for hire;

(d) Vehicles owned or operated by a mass transit district created under ORS chapter 267; or

(e) Vehicles used for solid waste or recycling collection.

(4) The offense described in this section, failure to inspect, is a Class C traffic violation. [2007 c.794 §3]

Note: 815.237 was added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle Code by legislative action but was not added to ORS chapter 815 or any series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

(Passengers)

811.190 Operation with obstructing passenger; penalty. (1) A person commits the offense of driver operation with obstructing passenger if the person is operating a vehicle when another person is in the operator’s lap or in the operator’s embrace.

(2) The offense described in this section, driver operation with obstructing passenger, is a Class D traffic violation. [1983 c.338 §601; 1995 c.383 §50]

(Loads)

815.270 Operating vehicle that is loaded or equipped to obstruct driver; penalty. (1) A person commits the offense of operating a vehicle that is loaded or equipped to obstruct the driver if the person is operating a vehicle that is loaded or equipped or where baggage or an encumbrance does any of the following:

(a) Substantially obstructs the driver's views to the rear, through one or more mirrors and otherwise.

(b) Obstructs the driver's view to the front or sides.

(c) Interferes with control of the driving mechanism.

(d) Prevents the free, unhampered operation of the vehicle by the driver.

(2) The offense described in this section, vehicle loaded or equipped to obstruct driver, is a Class C traffic violation. [1983 c.338 §500; 1985 c.16 §259]

815.275 Failure to mark end of load with light or flag when required; penalty. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to mark the end of a load with a light or flag when required if the person drives or moves on any highway or owns and causes or knowingly permits to be driven or moved on any highway any vehicle with a load that extends to the rear four feet or more beyond the bed or body of the vehicle and the person fails to:

(a) Place end load lights described under ORS 816.290 at the extreme rear end of the load, in addition to any other rear light required upon every vehicle, at times when limited visibility conditions exist; or

(b) At any other time, display at the extreme rear end of the load a red flag or cloth not less than 12 inches square.

(2) The offense described in this section, failure to mark end of load with light or flag when required, is a Class C traffic violation. [1983 c.338 §501]

(General Driving Rules)

811.255 Permitting unlawful operation of vehicle; penalty. (1) A person who is an owner, lessor or lessee of a motor vehicle or who employs or otherwise directs the driver of a motor vehicle, commits the offense of permitting the unlawful operation of a vehicle if the person knowingly permits or requires the operation of the vehicle in violation of any of the following:

(a) The rules of the road.

(b) The laws governing equipment of motor vehicles.

(c) The laws governing weight of motor vehicles.

(d) The laws governing operator driving privileges.

(e) The laws governing registration or titling of vehicles.

(2) The offense described in this section, permitting unlawful operation of a vehicle, is a Class B traffic violation. [1983 c.338 §607]

(Traffic Control Devices)