

# Reason for Driver Improvement Courses



Attendance Reason	Attendance Reason Code	Description of Reason	Safe Driving Points Information
Court Required	COU	Drivers required by the court to complete clinic. <b>Note:</b> If you have not been to court, you are not court directed.	A court document stating the driver will be awarded safe driving points is required. In the absence of notification, no safe points will be awarded by DMV.
DMV Required	DMV	Drivers required by DMV to complete clinic.	Safe driving points are awarded. Drivers under age 18 will not be awarded safe driving points if clinic attendance was required by DMV.
Insurance	INS	Drivers completing the clinic to receive an insurance premium discount; you must verify eligibility with your insurance company.	No safe driving points awarded.
Volunteer	VOL	Driver completing clinic voluntarily.	Safe driving points are awarded.

## Important Information

- ▶ Be sure to let the clinic provider know your reason for attending the clinic
- ▶ Show government-issued photo ID
- ▶ **Point System**
  - ▶ **Demerit points** are assigned when you are convicted of a traffic violation. The number of points assigned (either three, four, or six points) depends on the seriousness of the violation. These points remain valid for two years from the date you commit the offense.
  - ▶ **Safe driving points** are assigned (one point) for each full calendar year that you hold a valid Virginia driver's license and drive without any violation or suspensions. Annual safe driving points are awarded in early April of each year for the previous calendar year. In some cases, you may also earn safe driving points (five points) for completing a driver improvement clinic. You may accumulate a maximum of five safe driving points.
- ▶ Driver improvement clinics are required to electronically report clinic completion information to DMV within 24 hours.
- ▶ DMV is committed to promoting transportation safety through the certification of quality driving training programs. If you have any comments or concerns about this course, call toll-free: **1-877-885-5790**.