

INTRODUCTION

The *Official Florida Driver License Handbook* is produced by the **Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV)**. This guide has the information you need to prepare for the Florida Driver License Class E Knowledge Exam and Driving Skills Test and to help you drive safely and lawfully.

DISCLAIMER

The *Official Florida Driver License Handbook* contains many condensed and paraphrased points of Florida laws and provides safety advice not specifically addressed in the laws. The handbook is not a legal authority and is not intended for use in court. This handbook will not reflect any changes made by the Florida Legislature after the last revision date (located at the bottom of this page).

WARNING

Florida law prohibits using a false name, making a false statement, concealing a material fact or otherwise using fraud in an application for a driver license or ID card. The penalty can be up to five years in prison, a \$5,000 fine, and suspension of any existing driving privilege for at least one year.

In addition, it is illegal to permit or authorize an unlicensed person to drive a motor vehicle and doing so can result in a 60 day jail sentence and a \$500 fine. If the vehicle is involved in a crash resulting in bodily injury or death of any person, the person who permitted the unlicensed person to drive may (unless this is an automatic mandatory suspension) have his/her license suspended for one year.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Florida law requires the FLHSMV to collect certain personal information during the licensing process. This information, which identifies licensed individuals, is used for records management, driver improvement, financial responsibility, and law enforcement purposes. If you do not provide the required information, you will not receive a driver license or ID card.

Florida's Public Records Law makes all records made or received by FLHSMV in the course of its official business available for inspection, unless specifically exempted by law. Your personal information, including name, address, and driver license number is exempt from public disclosure, but may be given to law enforcement agencies and other entities permitted by law to get the information. Your medical information, social security number, and emergency contact information are available only as specifically authorized by law.

FLHSMV strives to ensure the accuracy of the information obtained during the licensing process. If you discover any incorrect information, please call us at (850) 617-2000 or mail your request with your complete name, date of birth, driver license number, information about the error, and any documentation to support your request to: Chief of the Bureau of Records, 2900 Apalachee Parkway MS 89, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0575. Some information, such as reports of convictions received from a court, can only be corrected if notification from the court is received that the report was in error.