

**RCW 46.20.291 Authority to suspend—Grounds.** The department is authorized to suspend the license of a driver upon a showing by its records or other sufficient evidence that the licensee:

(1) Has committed an offense for which mandatory revocation or suspension of license is provided by law;

(2) Has, by reckless or unlawful operation of a motor vehicle, caused or contributed to an accident resulting in death or injury to any person or serious property damage;

(3) Has been convicted of offenses against traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles, or found to have committed traffic infractions, with such frequency as to indicate a disrespect for traffic laws or a disregard for the safety of other persons on the highways;

(4) Is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle under RCW 46.20.031(3);

(5) Has failed to respond to a notice of traffic infraction, failed to appear at a hearing, or has failed to comply with the terms of a criminal complaint or criminal citation for a moving violation, as provided in RCW 46.20.289;

(6) Is subject to suspension under RCW 46.20.305 or 9A.56.078;

(7) Has committed one of the prohibited practices relating to drivers' licenses defined in RCW 46.20.0921; or

(8) Has been certified by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a child support order or a \*residential or visitation order as provided in RCW 74.20A.320. [2021 c 240 s 6; 2016 c 203 s 5; 2007 c 393 s 2; 1998 c 165 s 12; 1997 c 58 s 806; 1993 c 501 s 4; 1991 c 293 s 5; 1980 c 128 s 12; 1965 ex.s. c 121 s 25.]

**\*Reviser's note:** 1997 c 58 s 886 requiring a court to order certification of noncompliance with residential provisions of a court-ordered parenting plan was vetoed. Provisions ordering the department of social and health services to certify a responsible parent based on a court order to certify for noncompliance with residential provisions of a parenting plan were vetoed. See RCW 74.20A.320.

**Effective date—2021 c 240:** See note following RCW 46.63.060.

**Effective date—1998 c 165 ss 8-14:** See note following RCW 46.52.070.

**Short title—1998 c 165:** See note following RCW 43.59.010.

**Short title—Part headings, captions, table of contents not law—Exemptions and waivers from federal law—Conflict with federal requirements—Severability—1997 c 58:** See RCW 74.08A.900 through 74.08A.904.

**Effective dates—Intent—1997 c 58:** See notes following RCW 74.20A.320.

**Effective date—Severability—1980 c 128:** See notes following RCW 46.63.060.

*Reckless driving, suspension of license: RCW 46.61.500.*

*Vehicular assault*

*drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment: RCW 9.94A.703.  
penalty: RCW 46.61.522.*

*Vehicular homicide*

*drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment: RCW 9.94A.703.  
penalty: RCW 46.61.520.*