

Child Passenger Protection Act

In Illinois, Children under the age of 8 years must be secured in an appropriate child restraint system, more commonly called a child safety seat. Child safety seats include infant seats, convertible seats (rear-facing for infants and forward-facing for toddlers) & booster seats that are used with the vehicle lap and shoulder belt system.

School Speed Zones in Illinois

The following is an excerpt from Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Act 5, Chapter 11, Section 605: On a school day when school children are present and so close thereto that a potential hazard exists because of the close proximity of the motorized traffic, no person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour while passing a school zone or while traveling on a roadway on public school property or upon any public thoroughfare where children pass going to and from school.

Offender Watch

The Bloomington Police Department offers a free online service called Offender-Watch®. This program provides information concerning convicted sex offenders, violent offenders against youth, and murderers residing in Bloomington. Citizens can also report suspicious activity concerning offenders through OffenderWatch. To access OffenderWatch, go to BPD's website at www.cityblm.org/offenderwatch

**For more information,
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We'll Make Room!



Welcome Neighbor!

If you're new in town, we want any surprises to be good ones. You should know about certain laws and procedures that may differ from other cities and states.

In Illinois:

- You may not use a hand-held wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in Illinois.
- As a new Illinois resident, you may continue to drive on your valid out-of-state driver's license for 90 days. CDL holders must obtain an Illinois CDL within 30 days of becoming an Illinois resident.
- Front and rear license plates are required.
- Right turn on red allowed after a complete stop, unless posted otherwise.
- If you use your windshield wipers, your headlights must be on.
- There are laws against excessively noisy stereos and exhaust systems.
- The breath alcohol content (BAC) limit is .08% (.00% for drivers under 21).
- Firearm owners identification (FOID) cards are required for gun owners.
- Speed limit in cities is 30 MPH unless posted otherwise.
- Curfew: Those under 17 must be in by 11:00 PM Sunday through Thursday and by Midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Need Help?

Emergency **911** (Police, Fire, Rescue)

BPD's Non-emergency number: **309-820-8888**

BPD's Public Affairs Unit: **309-434-2355**

24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline: **309-827-7070**

McLean County Crime Stoppers: **309-828-1111**

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Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit

To provide information about drug sales, or gang activity that does not require an immediate response, contact BPD's Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit at (309) 434-2963 or ciau@cityblm.org. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail. You may leave information anonymously.

Crime Maps

The Bloomington Police Department offers a public crime mapping system which shares crime information with the community to reduce crime, improve public safety and enhance neighborhood-police partnerships. Users of this site can utilize the interactive maps and data dashboards to become better informed about criminal activity. The crime maps are located on the Bloomington Police Department's website at www.cityblm.org/police

Parking Don'ts

In Bloomington it is illegal to:

- park against the flow of traffic
- park within 20 feet of a crosswalk
- park within 30 feet of a traffic control device (light or sign)
- park on any street over 24 hours without moving the vehicle

Ordinance Violation (OV) Ticket

Certain city ordinance violations, some of which mirror state law, may be written as OV tickets. Court appearances may be avoided by paying the fine prior to the court date.

Alarm Ordinance

There is a \$100 fine for each false alarm (panic, robbery or burglary) after four within a calendar year.

Code enforcement / Inspections

Complaints of substandard housing may be directed to Building Safety at 309-434-2226. Weeds, garbage, graffiti and other building code violations may be reported to Code Enforcement at 309-434-2244.

Police Accountability

Police complaints, concerns or compliments may be directed to the watch commander on duty at 309-434-2360.

