

Red-Light Safety Camera Program – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Why is Salisbury installing red-light safety cameras?

The cameras are being installed to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities caused by red-light running. These collisions are often severe, and monitoring high-risk intersections helps deter unsafe driving behavior and improve roadway safety.

2. How were the camera locations chosen?

Intersections were selected based on crash data, traffic studies, and documented histories of red-light violations. These locations have higher risks of angle and T-bone collisions.

3. Where are the cameras located?

Red-light cameras are operational at the following intersections:

- Northbound N. Salisbury Blvd (Rt. 13) at N. Pointe Dr
- Westbound N. Pointe Dr at N. Salisbury Blvd (Rt. 13)
- Southbound N. Salisbury Blvd (Rt. 13) at Centre Rd
- Northbound S. Salisbury Blvd (Rt. 13) at W. College Ave
- Southbound S. Salisbury Blvd (Rt. 13) at W. College Ave
- Westbound W. College Ave at S. Salisbury Blvd (Rt. 13)
- Northbound W. Isabella St at W. Salisbury Pkwy (Rt. 50)
- Southbound Nanticoke Rd at W. Salisbury Pkwy (Rt. 50)
- Westbound W. Salisbury Pkwy (Rt. 50) at Mill St

Additional intersections may be considered in the future pending further evaluation and Maryland State Highway Administration approval.

4. How do red-light cameras work?

Sensors detect when a vehicle enters an intersection after the signal turns red. The system captures photographs showing the signal status, vehicle position, and license plate. Each event is reviewed by trained law enforcement personnel before a citation is issued.

5. What is considered a red-light violation?

A violation occurs when a vehicle crosses the stop line or enters the intersection after the light has turned red. Examples include driving straight through a red light or turning right on red without making a complete stop. Entering the intersection during a yellow light is not a violation.

6. Will I receive a warning before fines begin?

Yes. Each camera location includes a 30-day warning period during which only warning notices are issued and no fines are assessed. After the warning period, citations with fines may be issued.

7. What is the fine amount?

The fine is \$75 per violation. No points are added to the driver's license, there is no insurance impact, and the violation is a civil citation.

8. Who receives the citation?

Citations are mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle, regardless of who was driving.

9. How can I view photo or video evidence?

Citation notices include instructions for viewing the images or video online for verification and transparency.

10. How do I pay a citation?

Payment options such as online, mail-in, or in-person payment are listed on the citation notice.

11. Can I contest a citation?

Yes. The registered owner may request a court hearing. At the hearing, evidence is reviewed and the owner may present a defense or explanation.

12. What happens if I ignore the citation?

Failure to respond or pay may result in an MVA registration flag, preventing renewal of the vehicle's registration until the citation is resolved.

13. How is fine revenue used?

Revenue is reinvested into public safety initiatives including intersection improvements, driver education programs, and pedestrian safety enhancements among others.

14. Will signs be posted to warn drivers?

Yes. Signage is placed ahead of camera-enforced intersections to alert drivers they are entering a monitored area.

15. Do the cameras operate 24/7?

Yes. Red-light cameras operate continuously at all monitored intersections.

16. Can I be cited if someone else was driving?

Yes. As with other civil automated enforcement violations in Maryland, responsibility lies with the vehicle's registered owner. Owners may contest the citation in court if appropriate.

17. How accurate are the cameras?

Before a citation is issued, each captured event is reviewed by law enforcement personnel to verify signal timing, vehicle position, and image clarity, reducing the likelihood of errors.