

# RED LIGHT CAMERAS: MYTHS VS. FACTS

**Red light enforcement cameras and speed cameras are the same.**

**Red light cameras do not capture the speed of vehicles. A red light camera is a type of traffic enforcement camera that captures images of vehicles if they have entered intersections in spite of traffic signals indicating to stop on red.**

**By photographing vehicles that run red lights (or fail to make complete stops before making right turns), municipalities secure evidence that assists authorities in their enforcement of traffic laws.**

**Red light camera notice of violations are considered "moving violations" that will affect the violator's driving record.**

**Notice of violations are considered "non-moving violations" and do not affect the driving record of the registered owner of the vehicles.**

**If a driver enters an intersection when the light is green or yellow, a red light camera notice of violation will be issued.**

**If a driver enters an intersection when the light is green or yellow, that driver will NOT receive a notice of violation. It is legal to clear the intersection if one is already in the intersection when the light turns red.**

**All red light photo enforcement systems are owned and operated by the same company.**

**There are several companies that provide red light photo enforcement systems to municipalities across the United States and internationally. Each company operates in a manner that is independent of the other and is directed by the municipality it serves.**

**If a driver stops his or her vehicle past the white stop bar, he or she will receive a notice of violation.**

**The Illinois legislature passed a bill that precludes any municipality from issuing a notice of violation if a vehicle comes to a complete stop even if that stop is after the white stop bar.**



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