

Decoding Contributing Circumstances on a DMV-349 Form

The codes in boxes 14-16 are for Driver #1
 The codes in boxes 17-19 are for Driver #2

Use the chart below to the right to determine the meaning of the number entered in boxes 14-19.

DMV-349 Instructional Manual

The DMV-349 Form

The form is titled 'DMV-349 (Rev. 1/2008) THIS REPORT IS FOR THE USE OF THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES. THE DATA IS COLLECTED FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND SUBSEQUENT HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMMING. DETERMINATIONS OF "FAULT" ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INSURERS OR OF THE STATE'S COURTS.' It contains fields for accident details, driver information, vehicle details, and contributing circumstances. The contributing circumstances section is a grid with columns for Driver #1 (boxes 14-16) and Driver #2 (boxes 17-19).

Contributing Circumstances -- Driver

- 9 = Improper Turn
- 10 = Right Turn on Red
- 11 = Crossed Centerline / Going Wrong Way
- 12 = Improper Lane Change
- 13 = Use of Improper Lane
- 14 = Overcorrected / Oversteered
- 15 = Passed Stopped School Bus
- 16 = Passed on Hill
- 17 = Passed on Curve
- 18 = Other Improper Passing
- 19 = Failed to Yield Right of Way
- 20 = Inattention
- 21 = Improper Backing
- 22 = Improper Parking
- 23 = Driver Distracted
- 24 = Improper or No Signal
- 25 = Followed too Closely
- 26 = Operated Vehicle in Erratic, Reckless, Careless, Negligent, or Aggressive Manner
- 27 = Swerved or Avoided Due to Wind, Slippery Surface, Vehicle, Object, Non-Motorist
- 28 = Visibility Obstructed
- 29 = Operated Defective Equipment
- 30 = Alcohol Use
- 31 = Drug Use
- 32 = Other
- 33 = Unable to Determine
- 34 = Unknown
- 35 = Driver Distracted by Electronic Communication Device
- 36 = Driver Distracted by Other Electronic Device
- 37 = Driver Distracted by Other Inside Vehicle
- 38 = Driver Distracted by External Distraction (Outside of Vehicle)

If you are still having difficulty deciphering your DMV-349 Accident Report, you may call the Burlington Police Department Records Division at (336) 229-3521.