

POLICE REPORT QUICK GUIDE

Your North Carolina Police Report cannot be interpreted or understood without the related form DMW-349 code sheet. This Quick Guide provides all DMV report coding. Simply compare numbered entries on your accident report to the corresponding numbered code boxes in this Guide to understand all findings and conclusions contained in your report.

Quick Fault Analysis

The investigating officer's summary opinion of who caused the accident can be easily located along the right margin on the front page of the Police Report.

The boxes numbered **14, 15** and **16** list mistakes made by the driver and vehicle described on the left side of the report (usually identified as Unit #1.)

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The boxes numbered **17, 18** and **19** list mistakes made by the driver and vehicle described on the right side of the report (usually identified as Unit #2.)

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Locate the "**fault boxes**" and compare the Police Officer's entries to the following codes to identify All drivers errors:

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| 0 No contributing circumstances indicated | 13 Use of improper lane | 26 Operated vehicle in erratic, reckless, careless, negligent or aggressive manner |
| 1 Disregarded yield sign | 14 Overcorrected/oversteered | 27 Swerved or avoided due to wind, slippery surface, vehicle, object, non-motorist |
| 2 Disregarded stop sign | 15 Passed stopped school bus | 28 Visibility obstructed |
| 3 Disregarded other traffic signs | 16 Passed on hill | 29 Operated defective equipment |
| 4 Disregarded traffic signals | 17 Passed on curve | 30 Alcohol use |
| 5 Disregarded road markings | 18 Other improper passing | 31 Drug use |
| 6 Exceeded authorized speed limit | 19 Failed to yield right of way | 32 Other* |
| 7 Exceeded safe speed for conditions | 20 Inattention | 33 Unable to determine |
| 8 Failure to reduce speed | 21 Improper backing | 34 Unknown |
| 9 Improper turn | 22 Improper parking | |
| 10 Right turn on red | 23 Driver distracted | |
| 11 Crossed centerline/going wrong way | 24 Improper or no signal | |
| 12 Improper lane change | 25 Followed too closely | |

