



# National Safety Council

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## Position/Policy Statement

### **Support of Automated Enforcement**

The National Safety Council recognizes that speeding, running red lights, ignoring school and work zones and railroad crossing warnings annually result in more than 15,000 deaths, hundreds of thousands of serious injuries, societal costs of at least \$54 billion and immeasurable grief for American families. The National Safety Council supports the use of automated enforcement of red lights and speed limits solely for its safety benefit. Prior to implementing automated enforcement systems, NSC encourages communities and states to adopt best practices for their use, including engineering, maintenance, calibration, yellow light timing, testing, camera placement and use of photos only for traffic safety and pursuit of criminal activity. Communities and states implementing automated enforcement also are encouraged to establish procedures to evaluate and improve effectiveness.

*This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.*

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