



## Ways to learn more about the Dubuque Police Department

- The department offers a ride-along program where community members can ride with an officer for a portion of a shift.
- The department hosts an annual Citizen's Police Academy.
- The Auxilliary Police is a volunteer organization that assists with major crime scene security and traffic control at special events.

Visit the Dubuque Police Department webpage at [www.cityofdubuque.org/police](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/police) to learn more about the department in general, submit a tip, file a complaint, make a comment, or commend an officer.

- **CRIME PREVENTION:**  
[www.cityofdubuque.org/crimeprevention](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/crimeprevention)  
Covers services offered and links to several reference websites.
- **ID4PD:**  
[www.cityofdubuque.org/id4pd](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/id4pd)  
Help the police department identify persons seen from video surveillance.
- **MOST WANTED:**  
[www.cityofdubuque.org/mostwanted](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/mostwanted)  
Listing of most wanted persons by local law enforcement.
- **FAQs and more**

# Dubuque Police Department

**Dubuque Law Enforcement Center**  
770 Iowa Street  
P.O. Box 875  
Dubuque, IA 52001-0875

**Non-Emergency Dispatch:** 563-589-4415

**Police Administration:** 563-589-4410

**Fax:** 563-589-4497

**TTY:** 563-583-1711

**E-mail:** [police@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:police@cityofdubuque.org)

**In an EMERGENCY, call 9-1-1 for Police, Fire, and Ambulance**



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# Is that legal?

*A guide to local ordinances, state laws, and other regulations*



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## » ALCOHOL

It is illegal to drink on city streets, sidewalks, and most public areas. Alcohol consumption is allowed in larger parks but restricted in most neighborhoods and smaller parks.

## » ANIMAL CONTROL

- All cats and dogs must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Some exotic pets are not allowed.
- Animals must be leashed OR restrained to not go beyond an owner's property line. Pets must be leashed at all times when on public property (except at the Pet Park—see below).
- All animal bites must be reported to Animal Control at 563-589-4185.
- Barking dogs causing a disturbance or annoyance to any person or neighborhood are prohibited.
- A public Pet Park is located on North Grandview Avenue adjacent to Bunker Hill Golf Course. It is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. A daily \$1 user fee or annual pass is required.
- For more information, call 563-589-4185, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/animalcontrol](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/animalcontrol), or email [animalcontrol@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:animalcontrol@cityofdubuque.org).

## » CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS

For information on how to obtain a permit to carry or acquire a weapon, contact the Dubuque County Sheriff's Office at 563-589-4406 or visit [www.dbqcosheriff.com](http://www.dbqcosheriff.com).

## » DRIVING

- According to Iowa State Code, once a person establishes residency in Iowa, they have 30 days to obtain an Iowa driver's license and Iowa license plates and registration.
- License plates and registration can be obtained from the County Treasurer's Office at the County Courthouse, 720 Central Avenue, 563-589-4418.

## Driving (continued)

- If a person has dual residency and maintains a residence in two states, they may keep their non-Iowa plates and driver's license.
- Iowa is a "compact state" which means we honor other states' fines and driving records. What you do in one state carries over into another, including license suspensions.

## » PARKING

- All city streets are public property. Residents do not have special rights to parking spots in front of their homes. Parking is on a "first-come" basis.
- It is illegal to park a vehicle for more than 24 hours on a city street. Vehicles must be regularly used and not stored on a street. Parking more than 24 hours constitutes street storage.
- It is illegal to park on another person's property without permission. Violators may be ticketed and towed at the property owner's request.
- Dubuque has several parking meter districts regulated by meter enforcement officers. Meter violations are \$10 for the initial fine and \$15 after 30 days.
- Drivers may not park their vehicles within 10 feet of a stop sign, within five feet of a fire hydrant, on or blocking a sidewalk or in a bus stop zone, in intersections, or across the street facing the wrong way.
- After snowfalls of three inches or more, the City may implement its odd/even snow route policy, at which point parking is restricted along the designated snow routes. All routes are signed and residents are encouraged to check if they are on a route in order to avoid violations which include a \$30 initial fine and \$35 after 30 days. Details at [www.cityofdubuque.org/snow](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/snow).
- Requests for an on-street disabled parking stall and sign can be made by contacting the Parking Division at 563-589-4266 or visiting [www.cityofdubuque.org/parking](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/parking).

## » SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, PARTNERSHIPS & NEIGHBOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Dubuque has a comprehensive commitment to public safety and a vision for future growth and development for the city. The City encourages neighborhood involvement and communications among residents.
- City staff meet monthly with the Dubuque landlords, businesses, neighborhood groups and formal Neighborhood Associations for information sharing.
- Residents are encouraged to positively interact with their neighbors through Neighborhood Associations, online groups such as NextDoor.com, or consider participating in the City's Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N) program. [www.cityofdubuque.org/neighbor2neighbor](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/neighbor2neighbor)
- Dubuque does not have a curfew but does have a Parental Responsibility Ordinance which holds parents and guardians accountable if their children lack supervision and are involved in criminal activity.
- Sex offenders are regulated by the State of Iowa and locally coordinated by the Dubuque County Sheriff's Office. [www.dbqcosheriff.com](http://www.dbqcosheriff.com)
- Residents are encouraged to register their phone numbers with Smart 911 so that dispatchers and responders will have additional personal information helpful in an emergency situation. [www.cityofdubuque.org/smart911](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/smart911)
- Residents may request additional traffic enforcement in their neighborhood or other areas of concern. Residents may also request extra patrols for non-traffic issues or extra attention while they are out of town. Requests can be made at [www.cityofdubuque.org/police](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/police) or by calling non-emergency dispatch at 563-589-4415 or the shift commander at 563-589-4425.
- Dubuque residents who want to learn more about City services and departments are encouraged to participate in City Life, a free, six-week "citizen academy" program. [www.cityofdubuque.org/citylife](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/citylife)
- Dubuque has a noise ordinance which restricts loud music, vehicle exhaust, and other activities.
- Trash-related concerns may be reported by calling the Health Services Dept. at 563-589-4181.