



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 19.00 Acceptable Evidence of Stolen Vehicles /  
Vehicles Used Without Permission**

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[R.S. 32: 873 \(3\)](#)

[R.S. 32:863](#)

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**Definitions:**

- A **stolen vehicle** is one that was taken without the owner's permission and reported to a Law Enforcement Agency. Upon reporting the incident, a formal report is written by the law enforcement agency.

**General:**

- **Safety Responsibility Following an Accident**
  - A copy of the theft report indicating the vehicle was stolen and a supplemental theft report indicating the vehicle has not been recovered is acceptable compliance for the owner under Safety Responsibility. If a supplemental report is not available, a statement from the owner indicating that the vehicle has not been recovered, along with the NCIC printout, is acceptable.
  - The driver must still comply with the Safety Responsibility Law for the accident.
- **Compulsory / Notice of Violation – Stolen prior and not recovered on date of violation**
  - A copy of the theft report and supplemental theft report indicating the vehicle had not been recovered on the date of violation will place the owner in compliance and no fee(s) will be required. If a supplemental report is not available, a statement from the owner indicating the vehicle has not been recovered, along with the NCIC printout, is acceptable.
- **Stolen After the Date of Violation**
  - If the vehicle was stolen after the date of violation, a copy of the theft report and a supplemental theft report indicating whether or not the vehicle has been recovered is acceptable only as disposition of the vehicle. If a supplemental report is not available, a statement from the owner indicating the vehicle has not been recovered, along with the NCIC printout, is acceptable. All appropriate fees will be required.
- **Compulsory / Cancellation – Stolen prior to or within 10 days of date of cancellation**
  - A copy of the theft report indicating the vehicle was stolen must be provided to OMV and indicate the vehicle was stolen no later than 10 days from the date of cancellation to place the owner in compliance and no fee(s) will be required.

- **Vehicles Used Without Permission**
  - A vehicle used without permission is one that was taken without the owner's permission but was not reported to a law enforcement agency.
- **Safety Responsibility Following an Accident**
  - A statement signed by the driver and owner stating that the vehicle was taken without permission is acceptable to relieve only the owner under Safety Responsibility. The driver must comply with the Safety Responsibility Law.
- **Compulsory – Cancellation / Notice of Violation on a vehicle with a plate**
  - A statement signed by the driver and owner stating that the vehicle was taken without permission is acceptable for Safety compliance only. The owner of the vehicle which was taken without permission must still comply with the Compulsory Motor Vehicle Liability Security Law.
  - **Note:** If the owner is not in compliance at the time of the violation, all appropriate fees will be required.
- **Notice of Violation on a Vehicle Without a Plate**
  - If the plate has been surrendered prior to the Notice of Violation a statement that the vehicle was taken without permission will place the owner in compliance and no fee(s) will be required.
  - If the vehicle was impounded, the owner must furnish proof of insurance and purchase a new plate or the "Authorization to Release Vehicle" will be issued for "tow only."