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## Law of the month – February

This month we will discuss obstruction of driver's view, specifically relating to the winter months. Weather ranging from freezing rain, snow, and fog give specific hazards when it comes to seeing out of your windshield and side windows. We all have driven down the road and seen someone driving with only the driver's side of the windshield cleared of snow, frost, and or ice. Only clearing one portion of the windshield is a hazard and a violation of state law. Being able to clearly see out the entire portion of the windshield and side windows allows drivers to clearly see other traffic, pedestrians, and other roadway hazards. Wisconsin law covers this in statute 346.88

### **346.88 Obstruction of Operator's View**

**(4).** The windshield, side wings and side and rear windows of a motor vehicle shall be kept reasonably clear at all times.

The penalty for violating this statute for the first violation within a year is \$175.30 and 2 demerit points and a second violation or more within a year is \$213.10 and 2 demerit points.

Please take the time to properly clear your windows of snow, ice, and frost so that you may safely get to your desired destinations.



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