

Cybersecurity Corner

We've shared information about toll road text scams before. Scammers are going even further and pretending to be the Department or Bureau of Motor Vehicles (DMV, BMV) from states all over the country. The scam texts say that the recipient has an overdue traffic ticket and if you don't pay it your license will be suspended, you'll accrue fees, etc. These messages are completely fraudulent and designed to steal your personal and financial information.

DMVs typically communicate through official mail - they do not send text messages. If you receive one, don't click any links or respond. Reach out to your DMV if you're worried. Use a phone number or website you know is real — not the info from the text. Use your phone's spam/junk tool to report the text message and delete it. Check out the scam text one of our team members received below.



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Text Message • SMS
Fri, Mar 6 at 5:31 PM

State of Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles(DMV)

Final Notice: Enforcement Penalties Begin on March 7

Our records show that as of today, you still have an outstanding traffic ticket. In accordance with State of Ohio/Administrative Code 15C-16.003. If you do not complete payment by March 6, 2026, we will take the following actions:

1. Report to the DMV violation database
2. Suspend your vehicle registration starting March 7
3. Suspend driving privileges for 30 days
4. Transfer to a toll booth and charge a 35% service fee
5. You may be prosecuted and your credit score will be affected

Pay Now:

<https://ohio.org-gqhg.s.bond/dmv>

(Press and hold the link to jump to the browser to handle the fine.)

Please pay immediately before enforcement to avoid license suspension and further legal disputes.
(Reply Y and re-open this message to click the link, or copy it to your browser.)



If you did not expect this message from an unknown sender, it may be spam.

[Report Spam](#)

Click below for more information from the FTC about DMV scams.

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