

Do you have unpaid fines?



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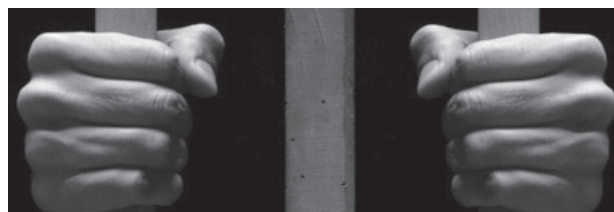


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They won't go away
while you are in prison....

*Information about
penalty notices &
fine enforcement*

What is a penalty notice?

There are more than 12,000 offences for which 'on the spot' penalty notices can be issued.

These offences include traffic, parking, speed cameras, failure to vote and fare evasion.

Penalty notices are also issued for other offences such as offensive behaviour, shoplifting and stolen goods.

The State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO) gives you 21 days to pay your fine after you get a penalty notice.

If you do nothing, you will be sent a reminder notice giving you a further 28 days to pay.

If you have received a penalty notice:

DON'T IGNORE IT

You may end up in more trouble and it will cost you more.

What can happen if you don't pay your fines?

If you don't pay your fines, the overdue notice will become an enforcement order. This will cost you an extra \$50.

If you don't pay the enforcement order, SDRO can:

- Suspend or cancel your driver licence
- Cancel your vehicle registration
- Send the Sheriff to take assets you own
- Take money out of your wages or bank account until you have paid your fines.

It's cheaper in the long run to deal with your fines when you get them, or to make arrangements with SDRO to pay by instalments.

You can start paying by instalments while you are in prison, or you can nominate and authorise another person to pay on your behalf.

What can you do about your fines while in prison?

Complete an Inmate Request for Information (IRI) form. Ask a staff member for this form.

This form will tell SDRO you are in prison, and put your fines on hold until 3 months after your expected release date.

In that time, you may also apply to pay by instalments, by filling in a Time To Pay (TTP) form. Ask a staff member for this form.

Your fines won't go away and may even increase while you are in prison, so you need to take action.

To get information about what fines you owe and how to pay them while you are in prison, phone:

State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO)
on

1300 655 805

This number is 14#
on the CADL phone system.