

WILL MY LICENSE BE SUSPENDED?

Your license may be suspended when you accumulate too many points or you are convicted of certain violations. The following is a list of only some of the violations that could carry a suspension. You should contact an attorney to find out information about the ticket(s) issued to you and the affect they could have on your driving privileges.

Driving unregistered.....	3 months
Driving unlicensed.....	6 months
Driving under suspension	1 year (min.)
Driving w/o insurance	3 months
Careless driving with injury	6 months
Careless driving with delinquency	3 months
Reckless driving	6 months
Failing to stop for a school bus.....	60 days
Exceeding maximum speed limits by more than 10 mph in an active work zone.....	15 days

WHEN WILL MY SUSPENSION BEGIN?

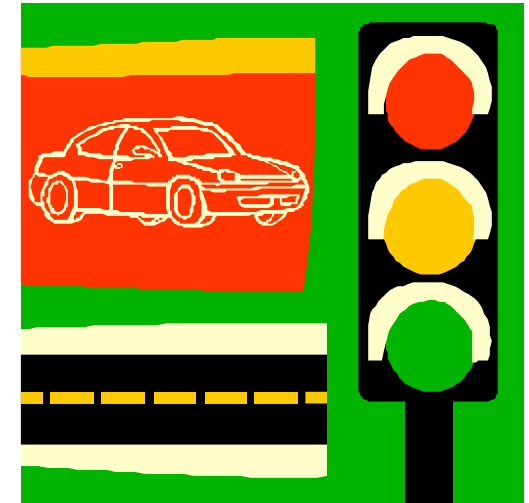
Before your license is suspended, PennDOT will send you a written notice listing the date your suspension will begin. **You may appeal the suspension to the Court of Common Pleas within 30 days after the mailing date.** If you do not appeal, your suspension will begin as stated in the notice. You will not, however, earn credit for your suspension unless and until you surrender your license to PennDOT. There are exceptions to this rule. You should contact an attorney to find out your rights and responsibilities.

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A Guide to

Philadelphia Traffic Court



The Philadelphia Traffic Court: things you should know.

The Philadelphia Traffic Court is responsible for adjudicating traffic citations issued in the City of Philadelphia. What happens at traffic court can affect not only your wallet, but also your license. Here's how.

1. In addition to fines, many traffic violations carry points and suspensions.
2. When you are convicted of a traffic violation, Traffic Court informs PennDOT of your conviction.
3. When PennDOT learns of your conviction, it applies the appropriate penalties, which may include points and/or suspensions.

WHAT IF I AM GUILTY?

You're not guilty until proven guilty! This is America where you have the Constitutional Right to a trial. At this trial the prosecution will not only have to prove that you broke the law, it also has to comply with certain procedural requirements. A judge will decide if the prosecution met its burden of proof. That judge will also decide if the prosecution complied with all of the procedural requirements. More often than not, you, as the defendant, must inform the court of these procedural defects or you will waive them. **In other words, you can be convicted for a traffic ticket that could have been thrown out of court.**

COULD I GO TO JAIL BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC TICKETS?

Some traffic violations, like driving while under a DUI suspension, carry "mandatory" jail sentences. Moreover, if you are scheduled for "D.A." Court, which is for violators who have been arrested for scofflaw and/or warrants issued by the Traffic Court, you could go to jail. So, depending on the facts of your case: **Yes, you could go to jail.**

SHOULD I ENTER INTO A PAYMENT PLAN?

Paying a Traffic Citation is the same as pleading guilty—Points may be assessed to your license and your license may be suspended. Before you pay any tickets you should be sure that you will not receive any points or a suspension or you could lose more than just money.

CAN I APPEAL?

You have 30 days to appeal your traffic court conviction. (Under certain circumstances, it is possible to appeal convictions older than 30 days.) On appeal, you may be able to achieve a better outcome. So if you're not happy with what happened at traffic court, you should consult with a lawyer for more information.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

This pamphlet is offered for informational purposes only. Everyone's situation requires a personal evaluation to determine their rights and obligations. To find out yours, you should seek a professional legal opinion.

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