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Motoring Offences

Motoring Law – Did You Know?

- Where a person accumulates 12 penalty points or more within a three year period they become liable for a minimum disqualification of 6 months.
- Drivers who have not held a licence for more than 2 years will find that if they accumulate 6 penalty points or more they will have their licence revoked.
- The penalty for driving without a valid licence is 3-6 points and a maximum fine of £1,000. The court also has the discretion to disqualify.
- If you drive without a valid insurance certificate your driving licence can be endorsed with between 6 and 8 penalty points and you could receive a maximum fine of £5,000.
- Driving without due care and attention/careless driving can get you a maximum fine of £2,500, and up to 9 penalty points and a discretion to disqualify until re-test passed.
- Dangerous Driving can result in you appearing before the Crown Court where you could be sentenced to a period of up to 2 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine.
- For drink driving, you can receive a maximum fine of £5,000, up to 6 months imprisonment, a minimum disqualification of 1 year and an endorsement on your driving licence. This can also result in a large increase in your insurance premiums when you do get you licence back.
- If you drive whilst disqualified you risk a maximum fine of £5,000, up to 6 months imprisonment and discretion to disqualify for any period and/or until a re-test is passed.

As you can see, it is not only the 'serious offences' that can cause big problems.

If you are facing prosecution for a motoring offence you should seek legal advice. A conviction can have a very serious impact on you. It could, for instance, lead to a disqualification from driving and the loss of your employment and livelihood.

You should not plead guilty to an allegation until you have sought the advice of a solicitor because, no matter how clear the case against you may seem, a solicitor be able to help you avoid penalty points and/or a fine and/or a ban. In some cases a solicitor can even help you to avoid a conviction altogether.

So do not just rely on advice from friends, contact us and speak to a solicitor for specialist advice.