

### **Motoring & Driving Offences.**

We offer free initial telephone advice calls with one of our experienced solicitors. We aim to ensure that you can discover your defence options in one call and thus enable you to protect your driving licence.

Our aim is to provide information to help you to decide whether or not you need more extensive help from a Solicitor. By providing that information we believe you are then best placed to decide if you can defend the matter on your own.

We hope that the initial free call will help anyone wanting to deal with less serious offences themselves.

#### **A List of the Most Common UK Driving Offences**

1. S.172 – failing to provide driver information/identity. Also known ‘driver identity’ offences
2. Speeding offences
3. Using a vehicle without reasonable consideration for other road users; also known as without due care and attention offences – Section 3 Road Traffic Act 1988
4. Using a motor vehicle without insurance or permitting someone else to drive without insurance
5. S.170 Road Traffic Act 1988 Offences – failing to stop after an accident or failing to report an accident to the Police within 24 hours
6. Driving NOT in accordance with a licence, also known as driving without a licence
7. S.2 Road Traffic act 1988 – dangerous driving offences – one of the most serious road traffic law allegations
8. Being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst the proportion of alcohol in your breath exceeds the legal limit and all other drink and drug driving related offences.
9. Failure to provide a specimen

Our team has been successfully defending motorists accused of traffic offences since 2002.

Please [contact us](#) for a free initial advice call to discuss your case.

**Legal fees for defence against motoring offences:**

**Penalty points speeding (guilty plea)**

Between £300 and £600 plus VAT for written representations by post

**Totting up 12 penalty points (guilty plea, exceptional hardship)**

Between £600 and £1500 plus VAT and disbursements - to include one appearance in Court if required

**Speeding offences where there is a risk of disqualification (guilty plea)**

Between £600 and £1500 plus VAT and disbursements - to include one appearance in court

**Drink and drug driving offences (guilty plea)**

Between £900 and £2000 plus VAT and disbursements - to include one appearance in court

**Failing to provide a specimen (guilty plea)**

Between £900 and £2000 plus VAT and disbursements - to include one appearance in court

**Drink driving/drug driving (not guilty plea)**

Between £1,000 and £4000 plus VAT and disbursements -

**Failure to provide a specimen (not guilty)**

Between £1000 and £4000 plus VAT and disbursements

Please note that all not guilty plea estimates are based on the matter concluding after representation at court, where the hearing is for a trial listed for not more than one day.

We offer fixed fees wherever possible but from time to time we may have to operate on the basis of an hourly rate ranging from £150 to £300 per hour excluding VAT. Fixed fees include taking statements from, and examination of witnesses.

All prices quoted are exclusive of VAT and disbursements.

Some third party costs, including barrister's fees will be included within any fixed fee package unless otherwise indicated and agreed with you in advance.

Each case has its own unique facts and, on occasions, some disbursements (costs payable to third parties) may be necessary. For example, an expert witness may be required. The costs associated with this are dependent on the issues in the case and may need to be added to any of the above estimates of fees. We will always discuss that with you should it arise in your case. Furthermore, we will only incur such disbursements with your express agreement to do so.

**How long will it take?**

For guilty plea cases, this will depend on the court date fixed for the final hearing. For not guilty pleas the average timespan is 3- 6 months in the Magistrates Court.

**What qualifications do the team hold?**

All motoring defence work is undertaken by a fully qualified and experienced solicitor. Specific details can be seen by looking at the profiles of each team member on this website.

**Key stages when entering a guilty plea:**

Our prices include:

- Initial discussion to take detailed instructions to assist with drafting your full statement
- Telephone, email and other contact throughout the case
- Corresponding with and reviewing information & evidence received from prosecution and courts where necessary
- Advice regarding the court process and what to expect
- Detailed guidance on what character references should address
- Representation at court
- Advice and assistance regarding result and what happens after the hearing/conclusion of the case