

**Traffic Offenses:**

**1. Question: I was stopped and the police officer wrote me a traffic ticket. What do I need to do about it? And what happens if I ignore it?**

Answer: DO NOT IGNORE A TICKET OR CITATION. Traffic citations can have serious negative consequences for both your driver's license and insurance rates. You should have an attorney take the appropriate action to prevent you from getting stiff penalties or even losing your license. Ignoring a ticket almost always results in the Department of Motor Vehicles revoking your license. And if you drive while your license is revoked you can go to jail for it. Speaking to an experienced attorney like attorney Jenkins can help you minimize, and often eliminate, the adverse effects of a traffic citation. The Law Offices of Jason A. Jenkins strives to benefit its clients in the following ways:

1. A negotiated reduction of your present offense to minimize or eliminate the consequences of your driving record and insurance rates.
2. Outstanding service and results at reasonable fees, with payment plans available.

**2. Question: The police officer told me I could go to the District Magistrate's Office and just pay this ticket off. Should I do this?**

Answer: Absolutely not. The cost of traffic tickets goes far beyond the original fine. A significant consequence is possibility that your insurance premiums could increase from 25% to 400% after a traffic conviction. Many people just pay the ticket when a knowledgeable attorney in many cases is able to save their driving record and keep their insurance rates from increasing. Traffic violations will follow you for years and can also cause increased penalties for any future violations.

**3. Question: Can you tell me more about these penalties I may face?**

Answer: Yes, penalties are assessed by using Points which increase your insurance rate. First, a charge of one extra mile per hour on a ticket can be the difference between a fine and the loss of your driver's license. An attorney with the Law Offices of Jason A. Jenkins may be able to save you from losing your license. Keeping your license can save you from a lot of trouble, such as finding someone to drive you to your place of work as well as the many other places you go in your daily life. One insurance point could result in a 25% increase, two points a 45% increase, and three points a 65% increase. We have reproduced the chart below to show you the likely increase in your rate.

Points	% Rate Increase
1	25%
2	45%
3	65%
4	90%
5	120%
6	150%
7	180%
8	220%
9	260%
10	300%
11	350%
12	400%



**4. Question: If I lose my license in Pennsylvania, can this affect my license in other states? Can I simply go and get a license in another state? Or, if I have a license in another state and get a Pennsylvania ticket, must I worry about the Pennsylvania ticket?**

Answer: Maybe. It depends on whether the state has joined the Non-Resident Violator Compact. Pennsylvania and most other states and parts of Canada have joined this pact. A license suspension or serious ticket in any member state is the same as a ticket or loss of license in ALL 45 member states and the District of Columbia. Nonmembers as of January 2006 are: Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Tennessee and Wisconsin. If your license is suspended in Pennsylvania, you cannot obtain a license in any of the member states until your Pennsylvania license is restored. If you fail to pay a ticket for a moving violation in Pennsylvania, your driver's license in Pennsylvania will be suspended. It is unlikely that you will be able to obtain or renew your license in your home state until you have resolved the ticket in Pennsylvania and had your driving privileges restored here. Most states also exchange information under the National Driver License Compact for serious violations such as DUIs and suspended license due to unpaid tickets in Pennsylvania. This means that these violations will be charged against your license in your home state. In some states, even less serious out-of-state traffic violations are charged against your license.

**6. Question: If I'm charged with a traffic offense what is the bottom line? What do I need to do?**

Answer: Hire an attorney to represent you. You will have an experienced professional working hard to get you the most favorable result. An attorney from the Law Offices of Jason A. Jenkins can possibly obtain a dismissal or a reduced penalty for you. No one in today's business world can afford to lose his or her license. No one should ever run the risk of driving while their license is revoked because they decided to ignore a traffic citation. Our Firm has extensive experience in handling traffic cases in Carbon, Bucks, Berks, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton Counties. Our office is located at 1908 Allen Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Our telephone number is (610)432-7040.

**"THE WICKED ACCUSE, THE GODLY DEFEND"**  
**THE LIVING BIBLE, PROVERBS 12:6**