

**EXPIATION
NOTICE**

Expiation of Offence Act 1996 - what do to about a fine

If you have received an expiation notice, do not ignore it, it will not go away on its own.

If you receive an expiation notice from Council, you have several options:

- You can pay the expiation fee specified within the time limit given. Expiation fees must be paid (or otherwise dealt with) within 28 days from the date the notice was issued.
- If you expiate the offence, you cannot be prosecuted for that offence and you do not admit any civil liability for the act that caused the notice to be given to you.
- A council which issues an expiation notice may also withdraw that notice if it believes the notice should not have been issued.
- If you believe you have genuine reason for the notice to be withdrawn, you should contact Council before taking any formal action to contest the notice.
- You can complete the section at the bottom of the notice and elect to have the Council prosecute you for the offence in court.
- You may make an application to enter into a payment arrangement with the Fines Enforcement and Recovery Unit which may include a payment of the amount of the fee(s) in instalments or other options by agreement with the Fines Enforcement and Recovery Officer. A fee will apply to enter into an arrangement. The Fines Enforcement and Recovery Officer can be contacted on 1800 659 538 or at www.fines.sa.gov.au
- You may not apply for payment in instalments if the total of the fee is less than \$100. Community service is not available.
- If you do nothing a reminder notice will be sent to you. This notice will incur a late payment fee, plus a vehicle ownership search fee. If it was an offence involving a vehicle, you will have to pay a motor vehicle ownership search fee as well.
- If you still do nothing, the notice will be referred to the Fines Enforcement and Recovery Unit, who may take enforcement action against you. An additional amount will become payable if enforcement action is taken.

