

# Abandoned or unregistered vehicles

## Fact Sheet

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### Abandoned vehicles

**Abandoned vehicles left on the roads can create risks to public safety, the environment and have an adverse impact on amenity. Vehicles are often left in varying states of disrepair and in dangerous or hazardous positions.**

This fact sheet is intended to inform vehicle owners of the law to assist them meet legal requirements.

**Tip:** If your vehicle is unregistered - do not park it on a road or footpath.

### The Law

It is an offence under Council's *Local Law No. 10 (Public Health) 1999* for a person to abandon a vehicle or to park an unregistered vehicle on a road. The maximum penalty is 50 penalty units.

### How council deals with abandoned vehicles

When a vehicle is reported abandoned, an authorised Council officer will inspect the vehicle and conduct an investigation to determine if the vehicle is, in fact, abandoned or unregistered.

If the Council officer locates the owner or driver, they will be required to remove the vehicle from the road if it is unregistered.

If the Council officer suspects the vehicle is abandoned and the owner cannot be located, a notice will be placed on the vehicle advising the owner or driver to remove the vehicle within a specified time - usually within seven days.

However, in some high risk cases, a vehicle may be removed immediately.

If the owner or driver of the vehicle is located and the vehicle is unregistered, Council may issue a written notice or give a direction to the person to remove the vehicle from the road.

Failure to remove the vehicle from the road may result in the issue of an infringement notice or impounding of the vehicle by Council. Release fees also apply.

If the owner or driver cannot be located, the vehicle may be removed and impounded and held in Council's holding yard.

In cases where a vehicle is found to be severely damaged, stripped of parts, wrecked, dilapidated or rusted throughout, Council may impound the vehicle and dispose of it immediately.

Council advertise impounded vehicles on their website in an attempt to locate the owner or driver of the vehicle.

### Sale by auction

If the owner of an impounded vehicle cannot be located or where the owner is located and fails to pay a release fee for the impounded vehicle, Council advertise the vehicle for sale by public auction on their website.

#### For more information

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