

Railway Byelaws

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How do Railway Byelaws affect parking?

Britain's Railway Byelaws govern railway stations, trains, and tracks across the country, covering passengers, staff, property and equipment, and must be observed by everyone.

Section 14 of the byelaws refer to traffic signs, causing obstructions and parking and if a motorist breaches any of these, it is deemed a criminal offence and can incur penalties. This section states that no person in charge of a motor vehicle "shall park it on any part of the railway where charges are made for parking by an operator or an authorised person without paying the appropriate charge at the appropriate time in accordance with instructions given by an operator or an authorised person at that place".

To put it simply, this means if there are parking charges to be paid at a station, you need to pay it or face the fine displayed in that area.

There could be further costs to pay due to clamping, storage, or removal of your vehicle. However, this requires that there's a sign in that area advising such action will be taken if any vehicle has parked contrary to the byelaw. In Scotland, any motor vehicle left in breach of Section 14 may be removed by the police.

Failure to make any of the required payments can result in you having to appear in court.

Where do these byelaws apply?

At all rail stations in the UK where there are signs up stating that the byelaw is in force and parking restrictions apply.

Who will pay the fine?

As the registered keeper of the vehicle, we are liable for this byelaw's penalty charge and cannot transfer liability to you or your company. Therefore, we'll pay the fine when we receive it and then charge this back to you.

How do I avoid receiving a parking fine at railway stations?

Always take notice of the signage you see, including any restrictions shown. Also, make sure you pay enough to cover the full time that you'll be parked and that you park within the designated bays.

What should I do if I receive a fine?

If there's a penalty notice displayed on your vehicle when you return to it, we suggest making the payment immediately to ensure you pay the lower fee or, if you feel you can appeal it, following the instructions given on the notice.

Failure to do either of these will result in a penalty notice being sent to us, which we'll then notify you of. If at this stage, you feel you have grounds to dispute the charge, contact our Vehicle Administration Team who'll be able to help you and send you an authorisation letter to appeal it.

More information

www.gov.uk/government/publications/railway-byelaws





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