



Railway Byelaw fines

What is Railway Byelaw in relation to parking?

Britain's Railway Byelaw governs railway stations, train and the track across the country and must be observed by everyone. The Byelaw covers passengers, staff, property and equipment.

Section 14 of the Byelaw refers to 'traffic signs, causing obstructions and parking' and will be used to enforce Penalty Notices where cause is given. If a motorist is found to have breached a byelaw, this is deemed a criminal offence not a breach of contract which applies to private parking contracts.

Within section 14 it stipulates that no person in charge of any motor vehicle shall park it on any part of the railway where charges are enforceable for parking by an operator or authorised person without paying the appropriate charge in accordance with the instruction given by the operator or authorised person at the given location.

Should a vehicle owner be found to be in breach of Byelaw 14, they will be liable for a penalty charge (as displayed in that area) and any further costs incurred by the clamping, storage or removal of the vehicle.

This is providing that there is (in that area) a notice advising that any vehicle parked contrary to these Byelaws may be clamped, removed and stored by an Operator or an authorised person and that the costs incurred by an Operator or an authorised person for this may be recovered from the vehicle's owner.

Failure to make payment can result in an escalation to court.

Where does this Byelaw apply?

This applies for all rail stations in the UK where signage is displayed stating the byelaw is in force and that parking restrictions apply. In Scotland, any motor vehicle left in breach of this byelaw may be removed under direction of a constable.

Who will pay the fine, me, my Company or Alphabet?

As the registered keeper, Alphabet is liable for this charge and the option to transfer liability is not applicable under this Byelaw. Therefore, Alphabet will pay the fine and recharge the amount to you/your Company to prevent any further escalation to court.

How do I prevent receiving a fine where this is in force?

To prevent a Penalty Notice being sent to Alphabet you should be vigilant and take notice and adhere to any parking signage when using a railway car park. You should:

- Pay attention to restrictions displayed on signage within the car park
- Make payment to cover the full time you will be parked in the facility
- Take care to keep within the designated parking bays

What should I do if I receive a fine?

Should you return to your vehicle and find a Penalty Notice displayed on your vehicle you should make payment immediately to ensure you pay the lower fee or where appropriate appeal following the instructions provided on the notice. Failure to do either of these will result in a Penalty Notice being sent to Alphabet.

Should Alphabet receive a Penalty Notice and you feel there are grounds to dispute the charge, please contact the Alphabet Vehicle Administration Team who can advise and provide you with an authorisation letter to appeal if required.

More information

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

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