

## The PENALTY POINTS SYSTEM:

The penalty point system is an effective encouragement to drive more carefully.

A driver who collects 12 or more penalty points within 3 years must be disqualified for a minimum period of 6 months (longer if the driver has previously been disqualified).

For every offence which carries penalty points the court can take away a licence for anything from a week to a few months. For drink-driving and other serious offences then a 1 year ban is certain but it can be up to 3 years. In cases of repeat drink-driving (or drug-driving) the DVLA may ask for medical reports and withdraw a licence accordingly.

The court can also order a ban until the offender has passed a new test. This will always happen in any case of dangerous driving, whether or not it causes death. If a new driver collects 6 points or more in his first 2 years they will also be ordered to have a re-test.

In some cases a vehicle will be confiscated.

<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>IMPRISONMENT</b>	<b>FINE</b>	<b>DISQUALIFICATION</b>	<b>PENALTY POINTS</b>
Causing death by dangerous driving	10 years	Unlimited	Obligatory-2 years minimum	3-11 (if exceptionally not disqualified)
Dangerous driving	2 years	Unlimited	Obligatory	3-11 (if exceptionally not disqualified)
Causing death by careless driving under the influence of drink or drugs	10 years	Unlimited	Obligatory-2 years minimum	3-11 (if exceptionally not disqualified)
Careless or inconsiderate driving		£2,500	Discretionary	3-9
Driving while unfit through drink or drugs or with excess alcohol; or failing to provide a specimen for analysis	6 months	£5,000	Obligatory	3-11 (if exceptionally not disqualified)
Failing to stop after an accident or failing to report an accident	6 months	£5,000	Discretionary	5-10
Driving when disqualified	6 months (12 months in Scotland)	£5,000	Discretionary	6

Driving after refusal or revocation of licence on medical grounds	6 months	£5,000	Discretionary	3-6
Driving without insurance		£5,000	Discretionary	6-8
Driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence		£1,000	Discretionary	3-6
Speeding		£1,000 (2,500 for motorway offences)	Discretionary	3-6 or 3 (fixed penalty)
Traffic light offences		£1,000	Discretionary	3
No MOT certificate		£1,000		
Seat belt offences		£500		
Dangerous cycling		£2,500		
Careless cycling		£1,000		
Cycling on pavement		£500		
Failing to identify driver of a vehicle		£1000	Discretionary	3