

ABANDONED VEHICLES



Introduction

This information sheet explains what an abandoned vehicle is and the process involved for removal and disposal of the vehicle.

Definitions

A vehicle is:

- Cars
- Buses
- Trucks
- Trailers
- Motorcycles
- scooters
- Tractors
- Caravans
- Bicycles

Information and advice

Vehicle breakdown

If you break down and need to leave your car to get help, leave a note on the vehicle and arrange for the car to be towed away as soon as possible.

Impounding of abandoned vehicles

Vehicles in a public place that are unregistered or disused, or have been at the same location for longer than 24 hours can be considered abandoned and may be impounded by the City.

A Notice to Remove the vehicle will be placed on the windscreen advising the

owner the vehicle will be impounded if not removed.

If the vehicle is considered to be a hazard to the general public, the vehicle will be impounded immediately.

Recovery of removed vehicles

Impounded vehicles are taken to the City's service provider, ManheimFowles, storage facility. To claim your impounded vehicle, contact ManheimFowles on 9267 8888.

Sale of removed vehicles

If an impounded vehicle has not been collected after two months the vehicle may be sold. Impounded vehicles are sold by ManheimFowles by public auction.

Fees

Recovering your vehicle may be expensive. Fees payable may include an impound fee, towing recovery fee and a daily administrative fee. You should find out how much you will have to pay before you collect your impounded vehicle because it will not be released until the full amount is paid.

You will also be required to show identification and proof of ownership of the vehicle such as vehicle registration/license papers.

Fines and penalties

You could be fined under the Litter Act 1979 if you have abandoned a vehicle with no intention to remove it.

Additional information

For additional details about this information sheet, please call the City of Swan on 9267 9267.

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