

Abandoned and impounded vehicles

Vehicles that are unlawfully parked, causing an obstruction or abandoned can be impounded by Ranger Services under the *Local Government Act 1995*. A Ranger will place a warning notice on the vehicle requesting the owner to move the vehicle. If the vehicle isn't removed, or if the owner can't be located, the vehicle will be impounded.

Impounded vehicles are held at the City's impounding facility. It is the responsibility of the owner to collect the vehicle by paying the prescribed fees and charges and providing proof of ownership in order to claim the vehicle. Infringement notices are still applicable and may be issued to the last known owner of the vehicle. Vehicles that remain unclaimed are sold by public tender.

Persons responsible for the illegal dumping of a vehicle may also be committing an offence under the *Litter Act 1979*.

Abandoned vehicles can be reported to Ranger Services on 9397 3000 during office hours. To assist the Ranger please supply as much information as possible including:

- Exact location of vehicle
- Make and model of the vehicle
- Body type and colour of vehicle
- Registration number if possible
- How long the vehicle has been abandoned in this location
- Whether you have contacted the Police to see if the vehicle is stolen.

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Common parking offences

On this occasion you have been deemed to be:

Nature of Offence	Penalty
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking contrary to signs or limitations	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping contrary to 'No Stopping' sign	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking contrary to 'No Parking' sign	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping in a Disabled Parking area	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking against the flow of traffic	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking heavy or long vehicles on a carriageway	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping or parking unlawfully in a Loading Zone	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping on a verge - without consent	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Double parking	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Unlawfully parking on median strip, traffic island, paths etc	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing a driveway or other way of access	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to park wholly within parking bay	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking contrary to the direction of an authorised person	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking on a thoroughfare for the purpose of sale	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking an unlicensed vehicle on a thoroughfare	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking a trailer or caravan on a thoroughfare	\$100

Please be advised this is a caution for the above offence

Please refer to the City of Gosnells *Parking Local Law 2012* for the full list of prescribed offences.



Parking

Every local government has parking laws designed to make living in that community more enjoyable for residents. The City of Gosnells local laws help preserve the amenity of our area and reflect the needs and expectations of the community.

The City's Rangers administer the City of Gosnells *Parking Local Law 2012* and issue warnings, infringements or commence court action, if necessary, for contravention of the local law.

Know your signs

All drivers should familiarise themselves with the standard signage used throughout Western Australia.

Here are some examples of the more frequently used signs in and around the City.



No Stopping

You must not stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies.



No Parking

You may stop in a No Parking zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your car at all times.



Parking Signs

Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicles for a certain period of time, for example 1 hour parking.

Safety around Schools

In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone, the City of Gosnells Ranger Services patrol school parking during the mornings and afternoons of each school term. Parking infringements may be issued for unlawful parking.

For more information about school parking please read our Safety around Schools pamphlet or contact Ranger Services on 9397 3000.

ACROD parking

Parking for people with disability is provided at various locations throughout the City.



These locations are clearly signposted with the blue ACROD ground symbol and appropriate upright signage. Only vehicles displaying a current registered ACROD permit are entitled to park in these bays.

Penalties apply if vehicles are not displaying a current ACROD permit.

Commercial vehicles

It is an offence to:

- Park a vehicle with a tare in excess of 2,000 kg for more than two hours consecutively on a carriageway.
- Park a vehicle or combination of vehicles eight metres in length on a carriageway for more than two hours.
- Stand a vehicle on a verge unless it is being loaded or unloaded with goods to or from the property adjacent to that portion of the verge. The vehicle must not cause an obstruction to the carriageway and/or footpath.

Authorised persons

The City of Gosnells Rangers are authorised persons for the purpose of administering the *Parking Local Law 2012* within the district. The City may also authorise other persons to enforce the local law on private land such as shopping centres or educational institutions. Signage will be erected in these places to warn drivers that the local law applies to that property. Authorised officers at these establishments can enforce the local law and issue infringement notices to the drivers of vehicles found to be parking illegally on that property.

Infringements

Payment of parking infringements is to be made on or before the due date and can be paid in the following ways:

- In person at the Civic Centre, located at: 2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells
- Via cheques and money orders posted to: PO Box 662, Gosnells 6990, or
- Online at www.gosnells.wa.gov.au

Please note that if payment is not made by the due date, additional costs will be incurred.

Failure to take any action will result in the matter being registered with the Fines Enforcement Registry, after which non-payment may result in the Driver's Licence (or any vehicle licence held by the individual) being suspended.

Driver responsibilities

Drivers of vehicles are advised that:

- It is an offence to refuse to provide name and address details to a Ranger when requested to do so.
- It is an offence to refuse to move a vehicle when requested to do so by a Ranger.
- The owner of a vehicle is required to provide the details of the driver at the time the alleged offence was committed.