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### Statutory Removal of Abandoned or Stolen Vehicles

Abandoned stolen vehicles cause obstruction or danger to other road users and if allowed to remain at rest are often subject to re-theft, damage and arson. Stolen vehicles are often driven without care and are abandoned with major mechanical defects which may not always be evident posing great danger to others who may subsequently drive the vehicle.

Surrey Police will remove such vehicles immediately on behalf of the owner or insurer, using police powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Motor Vehicles (Removal and Disposal) Regulations 1986.

To reduce the incidence of vehicle crime Surrey Police will, after the vehicle has been removed, take the opportunity to carry out a forensic examination where appropriate.

The charges connected to this statutory removal are prescribed by legislation. Provided the vehicle is insured against loss through theft, your insurer will normally accept responsibility for these charges. You should therefore inform them as soon as possible if you intend for them to deal with this issue.

**N.B.** Storage charges are calculated from the time the vehicle examination is completed or the notification of recovery is made, whichever the later.

Prescribed charges are as follows:-

Removal of motorcycle (Under all circumstances)	£150
Removal of car - Minimum charge*	£150
Storage of motorcycle	£ 10 per day
Storage of car	£ 20 per day

VAT is not payable on these charges

\*Charges are higher for a vehicle over 3,500Kgs gross weight, where the vehicle is found off-road, not upright or is substantially damaged.

The vehicle recovery operator in possession of your vehicle will be in contact with you as soon as the vehicle is available for collection. Should you require information in advance of this please contact them directly.

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