



Camera Detected Penalty Notices

Speed and red light cameras are located throughout NSW. Cameras operate day and night and are only activated when an offence occurs.

How do fixed digital speed cameras work?

Fixed speed cameras detect the speed of vehicles using lane-specific electronic sensors embedded in the road surface. These sensors deflect slightly when a vehicle is driven over them, which then triggers an electronic device that accurately measures the speed of the vehicle. The majority of fixed speed cameras are now 'bi-directional', monitoring speeds in both directions of travel.

If the speed of the vehicle exceeds the legal limit then a photo is taken of the vehicle. The camera records the time, date, place, speed limit, speed and direction the vehicle was travelling. You can read more information about fixed digital speed cameras on the RTA website: www.rta.nsw.gov.au

How do red light cameras work?

Traffic lights operate with approximately four seconds of amber prior to a red light being displayed in a 60 km/h zone, with additional time in higher speed zones. A vehicle passing over the road sensor beyond the stop line activates the camera. Individual sensors monitor each lane of travel.

A vehicle must cross over the stop line after the light has turned red to activate the camera. The camera takes a photo of the rear of the vehicle. A second photo is taken to confirm the vehicle has travelled into the intersection. The camera records the time, date and place of the offence.

How do vehicle-mounted speed cameras operate?

A speed camera is attached to a radar unit. When the radar unit detects a vehicle exceeding the speed limit, a photo is taken. The camera records the time, date, place and speed at which the vehicle was travelling.

Evidence of the offence

Photos taken are considered prima facie evidence and will be produced at court hearings if you elect to have the matter heard in court. Speed camera photos provided to court include a security indicator confirming that they have not been altered.



MORE INFORMATION



www.sdro.nsw.gov.au

For Penalty Notice, Penalty Reminder Notice or Warning Notice enquiries:



1300 138 118
TTY(02) 6354 7255
(Hearing and speech impaired)
8:00 am – 5:30 pm, Mon. to Fri.



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Strawberry Hills NSW 2012



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Obtaining a photo

If you are the person named on the penalty notice, or have a lawful interest in the matter, you can view or download a copy of the photo of the offence free-of-charge at www.sdro.nsw.gov.au. Internet access is available at most public libraries.

If preferred, the person named on the penalty notice can purchase a copy of the photo from SDRO. To do this send a cheque or money order for \$11 with a letter identifying the penalty notice number and requesting the photo to:

State Debt Recovery Office
Photo Requests
PO Box 786
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Photos supplied or downloaded are office copies only and are not suitable as photographic evidence in court.

Will the photo identify the driver?

The camera is aimed at the vehicle and registration plate. The photo is not intended to, and may not, identify the driver. View the photo online at www.sdro.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 138 118 for further enquiries.

How do I finalise a camera-detected fine?

Fines for camera-detected offences are sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. The registered owner is responsible for the offence unless they tell us the name and details of the person who was in charge of the vehicle at the time of the offence. If another person was driving the vehicle at the time of the offence, the registered owner should complete and return the statutory declaration (received with the penalty notice or downloaded from www.sdro.nsw.gov.au) nominating the person responsible by the due date on the penalty reminder notice.

If the vehicle is registered in a company or organisation name, an authorised representative of the company or organisation must nominate the actual driver responsible for the offence.

Warning: If the person named on the penalty notice was not in charge of the vehicle at the time of the offence, **do not make payment** before or with the statutory declaration telling us the person responsible, as this is likely to result in demerit points being applied to the wrong person's traffic record. It may also result in an additional fine being issued for Failure to Nominate. When SDRO receives your statutory declaration, we will transfer the fine into the nominated person's name and reissue the fine to them, providing a further period to finalise it.

What if I fail to identify the person in charge by the due date?

SDRO issues an additional fine of more than \$1000 for companies/ organisations and over \$470 for individuals who fail to nominate the driver responsible by the due date on the penalty reminder notice.

This offence carries demerit points.