



# STEPS TO JUSTICE PROVINCIAL OFFENCES

An OJEN workshop demonstrating a CLEO public legal information resource.





1. All traffic tickets will give you demerit points.



2. Demerit points do not stay on your record, and they are removed once you pay a fine.



3. I receive a small speeding ticket. I decide not to fight it because I didn't receive any demerit points, and I pay it.

My insurance rate will not be affected because the insurance companies will not learn about my speeding ticket.



**4.** I am 17, and I have ten demerit points. I wasn't convicted of a serious driving offence. My driver's licence could now be suspended.



**5.** Noise bylaws are different across Canada, and noises are treated differently at different times.



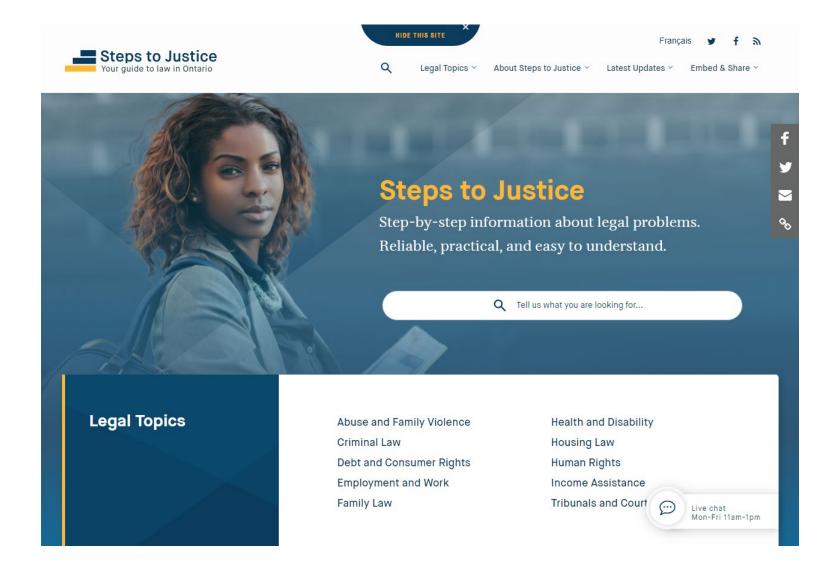
- Tickets
- How do you deal with a ticket?
- Noise complaints
- Trespass
- Defences against trespass
- Preparing for trial
- Filing an appeal
- Language rights



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Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Tickets" with the question, "I got a parking or traffic ticket. What are my options?

#### Some questions:

- What type of ticket is it?
- What are your options for dealing with a notice of offence?
- How would a summary conviction affect your driver's licence?
- What are the steps for preparing for trial?



- I. Navigate to the Steps to Justice website:
  - http://stepstojustice.ca
- 2. Read your scenario with your group.
- 3. Try to identify the main legal issues.
- 4. Imagine that you are the person in the scenario. Use the Steps to Justice website to answer the questions on your handout.
- 5. As you browse, try to find out more about how the law would affect the person in your scenario. What does it say? What are their options?
- 6. Record your answers on the handout.

If you get stuck, ask for help!

### Large Group Scenario

#### **FOCUS AREAS:**

- 1) French language proceedings
- 2) What kind of ticket is it?
- 3) How do you deal with a trespass ticket?

My name is Jeanie and I was charged with trespassing two weeks ago in Thunder Bay. I have a trial date coming up, but I don't understand anything that's been going on. I speak two other languages other than English, and English is by far my weakest language. I was initially charged because I couldn't read the sign that said "NO TRESPASSING". I was taking pictures of wildlife and didn't realize I was on private property.

When a man came out of a cabin exclaiming enthusiastically in English, I thought he might be telling me there was an interesting bird species nearby, so I walked up to the property. I thought he was a fellow camper and wildlife enthusiast. Before I knew it, the police appeared, and I was charged. What should I do? How can I defend myself? I have been charged with trespassing under s. 2 of the Ontario Trespass to Property Act.