



STEPS TO JUSTICE

PROVINCIAL OFFENCES

An OJEN workshop demonstrating a CLEO
public legal information resource.



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True or false?

1. All traffic tickets will give you demerit points.



True or false?

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



True or false?

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.




True or false?

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.



True or false?

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



Provincial Offences in Ontario: *What is covered?*

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



Real Life Legal Problems

Demonstration Scenario

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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?



**Using the
Steps to Justice
Website**



Group Work

1. 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.