

PAYING ONE'S FINES

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TO KEEP THE DRIVING PRIVILEGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT...

PAYMENT OF FINES

Municipal courthouse concerned
See the offence statement/ticket

or

Bureau des infractions et amendes
1 877 AMENDES

DRIVER AND VEHICLE LICENSING

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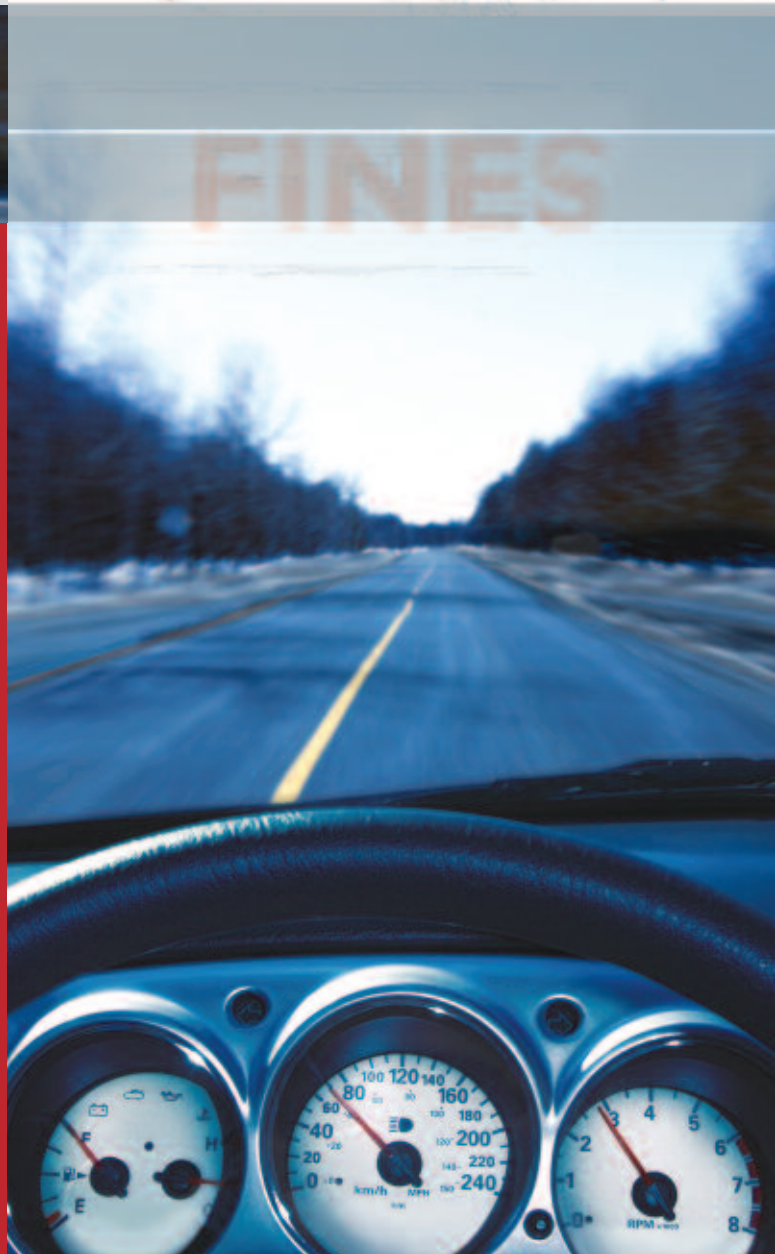
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- Ministère de la Justice
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PAYING TRAFFIC FINES is a responsibility intertwined with the **PRIVILEGE OF DRIVING** a motor vehicle. Once the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec is notified of a fine assessed for an infraction under the Highway Safety Code or a municipal traffic or parking bylaw that has not been paid to the collecting entity, the privilege is withdrawn until the debt is settled.

WORTH AVOIDING

If this describes your situation, you will not be allowed:

- to drive a motor vehicle, as your licence or right to obtain one will be suspended;
- to register a vehicle bought or leased in your name, because the transaction will not be valid;
- to operate a vehicle registered in your name or let someone else drive it;
- to sell a vehicle registered in your name, because the sale transaction will not be valid since the buyer cannot license the vehicle.

Should you choose to place your vehicle in storage during the period when its road use is prohibited, the amount of refund to which you are entitled will be applied first of all to payment of your fines.

Once the SAAQ has been advised that the fines are paid, the prohibition will be lifted. For more information on the matter, contact the municipal courthouse that issued the fine or the Bureau des infractions et amendes.

If you are driving and your record shows unpaid fines, you could have the vehicle impounded in the event of interception for 30 days by a peace officer, whether or not you are the owner. You would also have a fine of \$300 to \$600 to pay.

If you are driving someone else's vehicle, and that person's has unpaid fines on record, you could end up being ticketed and fined in the event of interception by a peace officer.

BEFORE ATTEMPTING A TRANSACTION, PHONE

Before buying someone else's vehicle or selling yours, check that the transaction can be completed without a hitch. The SAAQ has an automated telephone answering system that can be reached at any time by calling: **1 900 565-1212**. The charge is \$1.50 per call. Before calling, have the driver's licence number at hand. This begins with the first letter of the holder's surname. This simple, inexpensive step could save you the trouble of having a registration transaction refused at a licensing outlet, not to mention the embarrassment.

Considering buying a used vehicle from a dealership? Make sure the dealer checked that the former owner's record had been cleared for the transaction.

PRISON IS NO SOLUTION

Doing prison time instead of payment is no longer a way to eliminate traffic fines.

A deliberate refusal to pay fines, if proved, can only earn a person incarceration of up to two years less a day, and still the fine debt remains on the books.