



# Enforcement Warrants and Stay of Execution

## What is an Enforcement Warrant?

An Enforcement Warrant is a warrant that is issued for unpaid court fines and infringements. Enforcement Warrants are issued by the Registrar of the Fines Enforcement Registry to the Sheriff.

They give the Sheriff authority to take further action to recover unpaid court fines and infringements.

## What action can be taken under an Enforcement Warrant?

Enforcement Warrants authorise the Sheriff to:

- wheel clamp your vehicle
- remove your vehicle registration plates
- suspend and/or cancel your vehicle licence
- seize and sell your personal property
- lodge memorials (caveats) on your land and/or real property (real estate)
- deduct money from your wages or bank accounts.

## Who can enforce an Enforcement Warrant(s)?

Enforcement Warrant(s) are enforced by appointed Deputy Sheriff's and Sheriff's Officers.

## What can I do if I can't pay an Enforcement Warrant(s)?

If you can't pay the Enforcement Warrant(s) you may be eligible to apply for a payment arrangement called a Stay of Execution.

## What is a Stay of Execution?

A Stay of Execution is a formal agreement which temporarily stops an Enforcement Warrant(s) from being actioned.

Scheduled payments are made towards the outstanding amount on the Enforcement Warrant(s) held by the Sheriff. If you are eligible to apply, a Stay of Execution will prevent further enforcement action and will lift any Licence Suspension Orders that are in place, as long as payments are made in accordance with the agreement.

## How do I know if I am eligible to apply for a Stay of Execution?

You are eligible to apply for a Stay of Execution if your Fines Enforcement Registry case(s) have progressed to an Enforcement Warrant(s).

## When can I apply for a Stay of Execution?

At any time whilst your Enforcement Warrant(s) are in force.

## How do I apply for a Stay of Execution?

Contact your local Sheriff's Office representative. Numbers are listed below.

They can provide you with information about your outstanding Enforcement Warrant(s) and what options are available to you.

## **What happens if I miss a scheduled payment under a Stay of Execution?**

If you miss a scheduled payment your Stay of Execution will be cancelled and the Enforcement Warrant(s) will be re-activated. It is your responsibility to maintain your payments under a Stay of Execution.

If you are having problems making payments contact the organisation which is dealing with your Enforcement Warrant(s), for example call the Sheriff's Office on 9425 2932 or Baycorp on 1300 131 015.

## **Why is my payment arrangement cancelled?**

A cancellation happens automatically when you do not maintain your payments under the Stay of Execution.

## **Useful phone numbers**

Sheriff's Office: 9425 2932

Baycorp: 1300 131 015

**Fines Enforcement Registry:** 1300 650 235 (from landlines) or 9235 0235 (for mobile/interstate callers).

### **Sheriff Community Development Officers:**

Roebourne: 9182 1195

Kununurra: 9169 1155

Carnarvon: 9941 5588

Broome: 9158 3800

Geraldton: 9956 2000

South Hedland: 9172 9350

Kalgoorlie: 9091 0200

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