

TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND INSPECTION VIOLATIONS



As a driver you should know the difference between a traffic citation and an inspection violation. When you receive a traffic citation, you're being issued a ticket either for a moving violation such as speeding or for a non-moving violation like a parking ticket.

A traffic ticket will constitute a penalty or fine and a deduction of points will be assessed against your record. Keep in mind that paying for a fine will result in admission of guilt and the points will be applied to your driving record. If you have proof you're innocent it's imperative to retain a lawyer to represent your case in court. Commercial drivers aren't allowed to remove points from their record with a class like class E drivers do. Based on changes to the legislation as of August of 2013, if your case is dismissed or the sentence is lowered it will be possible to reflect it on your license and your PSP as well. If possible, get affiliated with a good prepaid legal service that can help you resolve a case and call your safety representative for information and help through this process.

An inspection violation can occur in one of the categories the CSA (compliance safety accountability) enforces such as vehicle maintenance, Hours of service, Driver fitness etc. These violations don't give you points on your license but they are reflected in your PSP (pre-employment screening program) which is the record carriers use to see the driver's behavior on the road before considering the driver for employment since it has the last three years of roadside inspections and five years of crashes.

Keep in mind your inspection violations also go against the carrier's safety profile. As a driver, you can help us get better loads and better rates. By improving your safety record, you improve the company's safety record by default, which guarantees more brokers and customers will want to work with us which means more miles for you.

