



Don't want to have points  
on your licence? Why not  
attend a Safety Awareness  
Course instead...



## **SAFETY AWARENESS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Q. What is the Safety Awareness Scheme?**

A. Safety Awareness courses have been put in place to give offenders who commit specific motoring offences the opportunity to attend an educational workshop as an alternative to the fixed penalty system (£60 & 3 penalty points).

### **Q. Do I have to pay for the course and what does it involve?**

A. Yes there is a course fee which you have to pay in full to the course provider prior to the course. Payment is between you and the provider; the police do not get involved with this issue. The course should be no longer than 4 hours duration and in Surrey constitutes a combination of information and group discussion.

### **Q. Will I be eligible for a Safety Awareness course?**

A. If invited –yes; provided that you have not already attended another course within the last 3 years (or are waiting to attend one); if you have you will be issued with a conditional offer of fixed penalty.

### **Q. What if I cannot attend the course that is offered?**

A. When accepting the course you will be given the opportunity to select a date that is convenient to you according to the courses available. If you are unable to attend on the day selected you should contact the Service Provider who will then make a decision based on your circumstances as to whether they can offer an alternative date or refer you back to Surrey Police. This may incur 'rescheduling' fees. If you are referred back to the Surrey Police you may be offered a fixed penalty (£60 & 3 penalty points) **or the matter will be dealt with at a Magistrates' court.**

### **Q. Can I challenge the allegation?**

A. You have the right to have the matter dealt with at a Magistrates' Court and you may complete and return the preference form to Surrey Police indicating that you wish the matter to be dealt with at court.

### **Q. Who is running the Safety Awareness Course?**

A. There is an approved Service Provider responsible to Surrey Police. If you choose the option of a course your details will be passed to the course provider for this purpose.

### **Q. What if I have 'special needs'?**

A. Prior to attending the course you will be asked to provide these details to the Service Provider.

### **Q. Do I have to take a written or driving test?**

A. No, not in Surrey, however there will be group discussions that you will be expected to participate in to successfully complete the course. But should you elect to attend a course in another Force area there may be practical driving sessions.

### **Q. Can I attend a course in another area?**

A. Surrey Police are part of the "National" scheme so it may be possible to attend a course in another "National" participating Force area.

### **Q. Where can I find information specifically about the course I will be attending?**

A. After you have returned your preference form to us indicating that you wish to accept the offer of a Safety Awareness Course the Service Provider will send you all the information you require to book a course, followed by course instructions including travel directions to the venue and parking availability. They will also advise you what documents you need to take with you on the day.

### **Q. What will happen if I don't book a course or if I book a course and fail to attend?**

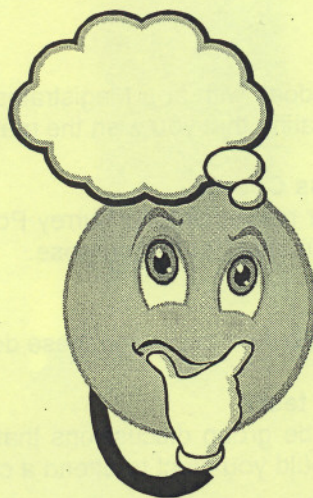
A. If you have **not booked and completed** your course by the specified "critical date" we will be advised of this by the course provider and **the matter will be dealt with at court.**





*"I don't live in Surrey but was able to attend a course at a time and place that was suitable for me. The experience was not only enjoyable but thoroughly worthwhile!"*

*"The trainers were friendly, they didn't lecture or preach. They were informative and supportive towards us. The course was delivered in an informal and relaxed environment."*



*"No points on my licence meant I kept my job!"*

*"Courses are available at a number of venues with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Some courses are available at the weekend".*

*"Disabilities are catered for; I requested a signer to assist me through the course which was provided for me through prior arrangements".*