
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order
1981 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor
Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008**

Retention and safe keeping of motor vehicles

3.—(1) A relevant motor vehicle shall be passed into and remain in the custody of a constable or other person authorised under this regulation by the Chief Constable (“the authorised person”) until—

- (a) the authorised person permits it to be removed from his custody by a person appearing to him to be the registered keeper or owner of the vehicle; or
- (b) it has been disposed of under these Regulations.

(2) While the vehicle is in the custody of the authorised person, the authorised person shall be under a duty to take such steps as are reasonably necessary for its safe keeping.