



Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

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PART 1

PROVISIONS FOR COMBATTING CRIME AND DISORDER

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ON THE SPOT PENALTIES FOR DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR

Penalty notices and penalties

2 Penalty notices

- (1) A constable who has reason to believe that a person aged 18 or over has committed a penalty offence may give him a penalty notice in respect of the offence.
- (2) Unless the notice is given in a police station, the constable giving it must be in uniform.
- (3) At a police station, a penalty notice may be given only by an authorised constable.
- (4) In this Chapter “penalty notice” means a notice offering the opportunity, by paying a penalty in accordance with this Chapter, to discharge any liability to be convicted of the offence to which the notice relates.
- (5) “Authorised constable” means a constable authorised, on behalf of the chief officer of police for the area in which the police station is situated, to give penalty notices.