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# Abandoned vehicles

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An abandoned vehicle is one 'which appears to have been left without lawful authority'.

This could be the case if it's:

- Stationary for 15 days or more – tyre valve positions could indicate if the vehicle has moved
- Burned out
- Missing both number plates

## Our responsibility for abandoned vehicles

Before you report an abandoned vehicle, please check

- [If the vehicle is taxed or MOT'd or SORN'd](#)
- [If the vehicle is not taxed report it on the Gov UK website](#)
- [If the vehicle has no MOT and is being used on the road or causing an obstruction report it to the police](#)
- If the vehicle is parked illegally report it by calling parking services on 01253 476395

Be aware that we cannot help with:

- Vehicles that are taxed or MOT'd or SORN'd or insured
- Vehicles reported to DVLA for expired tax, please allow DVLA time to resolve
- Vehicles that have a registered keeper
- Vehicles on private land
- Vehicles that have been involved in an accident
- Stolen vehicles

## Report an abandoned vehicle

Check to establish if the vehicle is taxed, MOT'd, SORN'd or insured before you contact environmental services. You'll need to provide details of:

- Vehicle location
- Vehicle type (car, van, caravan, motorbike)
- Vehicle make and model
- Vehicle colour
- Vehicle registration number
- Your name, address and contact telephone number (in case we need to check any details)

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