

OFFENCE	AGGRAVATING FACTORS	MITIGATING FACTORS
ANIMALS		
Causing unnecessary suffering by omitting to do any (1911 Act)	Not following instructions	Instructions not given
Offences contrary to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protected species Killed inhumanely 	
Abandonment (Abandonment of Animals Act 1961)	Animals might have died if not rescued	
Dog Worrying Livestock		No apparent injury
Poaching Offences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organised team Commercial purpose Sophistication 	
ASSAULTS		
Common Assault (Section 39 Criminal Justice Act 1988)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant injury caused Deliberate aggression without provocation Vulnerable victim Weapon used Premeditation Domestic violence Group action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trivial nature of action Impulsive action Injury very minor
CRIMINAL DAMAGE		
Criminal damage Criminal Damage valued at £300 (Home Office) £500 (max)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Damage deliberate Potential of greater danger Group offence Damage £200+ approx. 	Damage £50 or less
Threat to destroy property of another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intent to cause fear Potential value of damage £200+ approx. 	Potential value of damage £50 or less
Possession of Articles with Intent to Commit Criminal Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of intent to commit serious criminal damage Potential value of damage £200+ (approx.) 	Potential value of damage £50 or less
DRUNKENNESS		

Drunk and Disorderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of escalation • Busy public place • Offensive language or behaviour • Threatening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only witnessed by a police officer • Little inconvenience to the public • Non-threatening
Drunk and incapable	Appears to have a serious alcohol problem	
Drinking in a Designated Area Section 12 Criminal Justice & Police Act 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blatant actions • Young person's present • Offensive behaviour • Risk of escalation 	
EXPLOSIVES		
Throwing firework Section 80 Explosives Act 1875	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thrown at or towards person or animal • Busy public place • Local problem 	
FALSE MESSAGES		
False Alarms to Emergency Services (Fire & Rescue Services Act 2004)	Persistency	Obvious to recipient that a hoax
Other False Emergency Calls (S.127 Communications Act 2003)	Persistency	Obvious to recipient that a hoax
FOOTBALL GROUNDS		
Throwing a Missile in Ground (S. 2 Football (Offences) Act 1991)	Likelihood of injury Incitement factors	No, or minor injuries
Going into a playing area or adjacent area without lawful authority or excuse (S. 4 Football (Offences) Act 1991)	Risk of escalation	Non-threatening circumstances
FORGERY		
Making a False Document (S.1 Forgery & Counterfeiting Act 1981)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of document and potential consequences • Organised team • Sophistication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty/personal need • Coercion from others
Using a False Document (S.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of document and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty/personal need

Forgery & Counterfeiting Act 1981)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> potential consequences Organised team Sophistication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coercion from others
Possessing a False Document with Intent (S.5 Forgery & Counterfeiting Act 1981)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of document and potential consequences Organised team Sophistication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poverty/personal need Coercion from others
OBSTRUCTING		
Obstruct Police (S.51 Police Act 1964)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempt to prevent arrest of another Premeditation Group action 	
Wilful Obstruction of Highway	Close to traffic hazard e.g. School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief period only No considerable problems caused to other road users and/or pedestrians
PUBLIC ORDER		
Threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour intended to cause fear of violence or to provoke violence (Section 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of weapons Group action People put in fear Risk of escalation Busy public place 	No risk of escalation
Threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress (Section 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of escalation Group action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolated incident No risk of escalation
ROAD TRAFFIC		
Careless driving (Section 3 Road Traffic Act 1988) Inconsiderate Driving (Section 3 Road Traffic Act 1988)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major error of judgement Excessive speed Driving with disregard for road safety taking account of road, whether and/or traffic conditions Re-Test may be appropriate- Sec.36 Road Traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor error of judgement Defect in road surface/signing, etc. Momentary lapse Adverse weather conditions Both (or more) drivers may have been at fault

	<p>Offenders Act 1988</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability -s.22 RTOA 1988 • Deliberate act of selfishness, impatience or aggressiveness causing inconvenience 	
<p>a) Vehicle left in dangerous position</p> <p>b) Tampering with vehicle (S.25 Road Traffic Act 1988)</p> <p>c) Causing danger to other road users (S.22a Road Traffic Act 1988)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential or actual danger intended • Danger of serious injury to other road users 	
ROAD TRAFFIC INCIDENTS		
Driving other than in accordance with driving licence i.e. no 'L' plates	Blatant disregard of need	
No test certificate	Blatant disregard of need	Genuine oversight
Failure to notify change of ownership	Blatant disregard of need	Genuine oversight
SEXUAL OFFENCES		
Common prostitute loitering for prostitution	<i>Before any formal action is considered, the assumption that a child prostitute is a victim must first be acted on by referral to the multi-agency group. Only when advised by them can formal action be considered.</i>	
SPORTING EVENTS		
Intoxicating liquor in possession on specified vehicle (Sections 1.3 & 1A.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group involvement • Large quantity 	Small quantity
Drunk in a specified vehicle (Sections 1.4 & 1A.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group involvement • Risk of escalation • Threatening 	Non-threatening
Intoxicating liquor/article in possession whilst entering or inside (viewing area) sports ground (Section 2.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group involvement • Risk of escalation 	
Entering or being in a sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group involvement 	Non-threatening

ground whilst drunk (Section 2.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of escalation • Threatening 	
THEFT		
<p>Theft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - up to £100 in value - over £100 (approx.) <p>Theft (shoplifting) Value £100 (Home office), £200 (max)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned • Sophistication • Organised team • Value of £200+ (approx.) • Unrecovered property of considerable value • Adult involving children • Significant related damage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft for reasons of poverty/personal need • Coercion from others in group in reluctant offender
Abstracting electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special equipment • High usage • Prolonged period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty/ personal need • Coercion by others
Obtaining property by Deception (Section 15 Theft Act 1968)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophistication • Two or more involved • Committed over lengthy period • Unrecovered property of considerable value • Value £200+ (approx) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty/personal need • Coercion from others in group in reluctant offender • Value £100 or less
Obtaining services by Deception (Section 1 Theft Act 1978)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophistication • Organised team • Unrecovered property of considerable value • Value £200+ (approx) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty/personal need • Coercion from others in group in reluctant offender • Value £100 or less
Evasion of Liability by Deception (Section 2 Theft Act 1978)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophistication • Organised team • Unrecovered property of considerable value Value £200+ (approx) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty/personal need • Coercion from others in group in reluctant offender • Value £100 or less
False Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophistication • Value £200+ (approx.) 	Value £100 or less
Taking vehicle without consent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premeditated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking from family member

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group action • Organised team • Commercial basis (stole to order) • Causes damage to vehicle or other property • Excessive speed to avoid apprehension • Evidence of drugs/alcohol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The taking is a technical offence • Employee using outside working hours • Keys left in vehicle
Tampering with Motor Vehicle (S.25 RTA 1988)	Potential or actual danger intended	
Interference with Vehicle (S.9 Criminal Attempts Act 1981)	Damage to Vehicle	
Making Off Without Payment (Section 3 Theft Act 1978)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliberate plan • Two or more involved • Large amount involved 	Small amount involved
Wasting Police Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detention of innocent person • Substantial time wasted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early retraction and remorse • Innocent prank