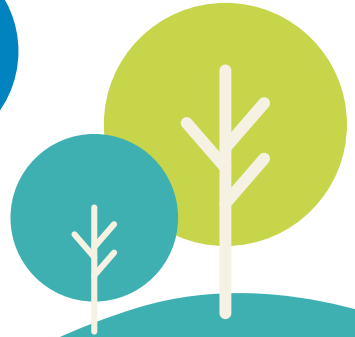


Don't be an idler!

Switch off your
engine for cleaner
air in Aberdeen



Running your engine unnecessarily while your vehicle is stationary pollutes the environment, costs money and is against the law.

- An idling engine can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion
- Exhaust emissions contain a range of air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, hydrocarbons and particulate matter
- Traffic fumes can make asthma conditions worse
- Children are more vulnerable to air pollution because they breathe 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults
- If you are going to be parked for more than 30 seconds, turn off your engine – idling your engine uses more fuel than it takes to re-start your engine



Idling is illegal!

Checks are being carried out by Environmental Health and City Wardens who will warn any drivers found to idle their engines unnecessarily. The aim is to highlight the effects of vehicle idling on the air quality in Aberdeen.

Vehicle idling is an offence against Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Regulations 2003. The law states that it is an offence to idle your engine unnecessarily, and you may be issued with a £20 fixed penalty notice.

Benefits of turning your engine off

- Improves air quality
- Reduces your fuel costs
- Complies with the law

Use of alternative means of travel

- Walk/cycle
- Public transport
- Car share

For more information contact:

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Addressing idling vehicles contributes towards the Council's Air Quality Action Plan:

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/airquality

For air pollution forecasts and alerts:

<http://www.scottishairquality.co.uk>

