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Excerpt from the Norwegian Joint Fining Directive

Fining in general

Some common criminal acts may be penalized with a fine issued by the police ("*forelegg*"). This is an offer from the prosecuting authorites to settle the case by a fine. Accepting the fine is voluntary. If you do not accept the fine, the case will be settled by a court.

Every Police District in Norway adheres to a joint directive that advices the police on the appropriate penalty level for certain criminal acts that may qualify for a monetary fine. The directive applies for a "normal offence", meaning the fine may be set higher or lower depending on the circumstances. The level of the fine is usually somewhat lower than the fine that will be given by the court in a verdict.

Even if the criminal act qualifies for a fine, detention or arrest may still be relevant measures.

Consequences of accepting a fine or being convicted by a court

The fine, if accepted, is regarded as a criminal conviction and entails registration within the Norwegian Criminal Records just as a conviction by a competent court.

If you are issued a fine or convicted by a court for a criminal act, the police or the Immigration Administration, depending on the criminal offence, may reach a decision entailing an entry ban or an expulsion from Norway and/or the EU/Schengen Area. A decision on expulsion will normally include an entry ban for the entire EU/Schengen Area for at least 1 year.

Some criminal acts and their fining levels

The table underneath is an excerpt from the fining directive concerning the most common offences. Please note that aggravated forms of these offences may entail a prison sentence. Violent crimes, such as physical assaults or bodily harm and threats is normally offences which entails a prison sentence.

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Offence	Fine
Disturbance of the peace	**8 000 – 10 000 NOK**
Not complying with a police order	**8 000 – 13 000 NOK**
Obstruction of a public official incl. abusive language	**8 000 – 13 000 NOK**
Breach of duty to state identity	**7 000 NOK**
Consuming alcohol in public	**2 500 NOK**
Urinating on or in the vicinity of a public place	**6 000 NOK**
Littering	**6 000 NOK**
Theft (up to a value of 15 000 NOK)	**3 000 – 18 000 NOK**
Vandalism	**6 000 NOK**
Narcotic Drugs Offences	**3 500 – 16 000 NOK**