

Railway Crime - Legal consequences for young persons in Scotland

Under 8 years old

- Not considered criminally responsible for their actions.
- Visit to parents/guardian by British Transport Police officer to give warning.
- Social worker may be advised.

8 – Under 16 years old

- First or Second minor offence, if suitable, a referral for a *Restorative Justice Warning.
- Further offences or more serious offence, a report sent to the Reporter to the Children's panel.
- Dependent on the severity of the crime, may be dealt with by attendance at the Sheriff Court.

16 and over

- Prosecuted through an adult court. A Letter of Warning may be given for some minor offences (other conditions also apply). A fixed penalty notice can also be issued. If successfully prosecuted this means a criminal record FOR LIFE.

***Restorative Justice Warning System:**

This is a system designed to deal with minor offences where the child has not been in trouble before. It is used as a forum for the child to confront and appreciate the consequences of their actions. This can be done by meeting victims and being aware of the impact of their actions on the victim.

This system is designed to give the child a second chance! It is an option to stay away from criminality.