

Frequently Asked Questions

This Fact Sheet provides information relating to frequently asked questions arising from the commencement of the *Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016* on 1 March 2017.

WHO REGULATES SCRAP METAL INDUSTRY LEGISLATION?

Police regulate the *Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016*. They are authorised to enter scrap metal business premises at a reasonable time without a warrant and investigate contraventions of the Act. They are empowered to: search; take photographs and recordings; seize and copy records; and take other regulatory measures.

ARE THERE FINES FOR BREACHES OF SCRAP METAL INDUSTRY LEGISLATION?

Yes. There are significant penalties for a variety of infringements including:

- operating an unregistered scrap metal business
- failing to maintain appropriate records
- taking possession of motor vehicles without authority from police that have had identifiers removed, obliterated, defaced or altered
- hindering or obstructing police
- paying cash for scrap metal (except for aluminium cans which are exempt)
- carrying on a business of dealing in scrap metal while a closure order is in force.

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WHAT IF I THINK SCRAP METAL BEING PRESENTED FOR SALE IS STOLEN OR UNLAWFULLY OBTAINED?

Scrap metal dealers are required to report suspicious transactions to police.

HOW DO I NOTIFY SLED OF CHANGES TO MY REGISTERED DETAILS OR OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE?

1. Download Form P1173 - "Application to Amend or Replace an Existing Registration as a Scrap Metal Dealer" from the NSW Police Force website at http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/scrap_metal_industry
2. Complete the form, including payment details (acceptable methods of payment are: cheque; money order; or credit card – Visa or Master Card only)
3. Post to: SLED, NSW Police Force, Locked Bag 5099, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The information provided in this Fact Sheet is for general guidance only. Scrap metal dealers should familiarise themselves with the *Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016* and the *Scrap Metal Industry Regulation 2016* which are available on the NSW Legislation website (www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).

