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## Bußgeld — Traffic Fines in Germany

Guide to German traffic fines (Bußgeld), penalties for speeding and violations, Flensburg penalty points system, and driving bans (Fahrverbot).

**Deutsche Begriffe:** Bußgeld | Bußgeldbescheid | Punkte | Fahrverbot | Blitzer

## Bußgeld — Traffic Fines

### Most Common Violations

Speed Violations (Built-up Areas):

Speeding	Fine	Points	Driving Ban
up to 10 km/h	30€	-	-
11-15 km/h	50€	-	-
16-20 km/h	70€	-	-
21-25 km/h	115€	1	-
26-30 km/h	180€	1	1 month*
31-40 km/h	260€	2	1 month
41-50 km/h	400€	2	1 month
51-60 km/h	560€	2	2 months
> 70 km/h	800€	2	3 months

\*upon repeat offense

Outside Built-up Areas — Lower Penalties (e.g., 21-25 km/h = 70€)

## Other Violations:

Violation	Fine	Points
Red light (< 1 sec.)	90€	1
Red light (> 1 sec.)	200€	2
Phone in hand	100€	1
Unbuckled seatbelt	30€	-
Parking on sidewalk	55€	-
Blocking ambulance passage	240€	2

## Bußgeldbescheid — What to Do?

- 1. Check deadline** — you have 14 days to appeal
- 2. Photo from speed camera** — is it you? You can request the photo
- 3. Appeal (Einspruch)** — if you disagree

## Flensburg Points

- 1-3 points: ok, be careful
- 4-5 points: **Ermahnung** (warning)
- 6-7 points: **Verwarnung** + mandatory training
- **8 points: LOSS OF DRIVING LICENSE**

Points expire after 2.5-10 years.

## Driving Ban (Fahrverbot)

- 1-3 months
- You must surrender your license
- Driving during this time = criminal offense!

## Blitzer (Speed Cameras)

Where are they?

- blitzer.de — app and website

- Radio — warns about mobile cameras

## Don't Pay the Fine?

- 1.** Reminder
- 2.** Bailiff enforcement
- 3.** Possible substitute imprisonment (Erzwingungshaft)

Fines from abroad (e.g., Polish) will find you too!

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