



NON-CONSENSUAL TOWING (NCT): GENERAL INFORMATION

O.C.G.A §44-1-13 requires towing companies or wrecker services engaged in non-consensual towing from private property to obtain a **Non-Consensual Towing (NCT) Permit** from the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and any eligible local municipality in which the tow service will operate.

By law, the Department of Public Safety has the authorization to regulate and control the towing of trespassing vehicles on private property, if such towing is performed without the prior consent or authorization of the owner or operator of the vehicle. Through the use of a Maximum Rate Tariff, DPS also sets just and reasonable rates, fares, and charges for services related to the removal, storage, and required notification to owners of such towed vehicles.

Towing companies engaging in non-consensual towing operations without a Permit issued by the Commissioner of Public Safety face both criminal and civil penalties for non-compliance. Such penalties may include up to **12 months incarceration** and/or fines of up to **\$2,500.00**. To obtain an application for a Non-Consensual Towing Permit, go to www.dps.georgia.gov and select **the "MCCD Regulations Compliance"** link. Non-Consensual Towing Permit fees are \$300.00 annually.

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