

Criminal Trespass Notice (CTN) FAQ's

1. Does a Police Officer have to be present when the CTN is issued?

Yes, the police officer needs to document the notice in the department's system so that if an officer responds at a later date, the officer will know that the subject has previously been issued a CTN.

2. Who can issue a CTN?

A manager/owner or any employee that the manager/owner has given permission to issue the notice.

3. Does the subject have to be on property to be issued a CTN?

No, as long as the complainant is willing to go to where the subject is in order to warn him/her, the CTN can be issued off the property.

4. After a subject is given a CTN and returns to the property, does the subject have to be on the property in order to be arrested?

Yes, criminal trespass is a class B misdemeanor and under Texas law a misdemeanor has to occur in the presence of an officer in order for the officer to make the arrest.

5. What happens if the subject who has been issued a CTN leaves before the police arrive?

The responding officer will write a report documenting that the subject returned and has a current CTN issued. The report will be assigned to a Detective who will obtain a statement from the individual that witnessed the trespass. After the statement is obtained, a warrant will be issued.

6. How long are CTN's good for?

CTN's are good for one year from the date of issue.