

DUI

Cheat sheet

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Protecting Your Rights



DUI Penalties in Tennessee

1st offense

Up to 11 months 29 days in jail, \$350-\$1000 in fines, DUI School and/or Victim Impact Panel, and possible Ignition Interlock Device (IID).
Mandatory 7 days in jail if BAC is over .20%

License revocation -1 year

2nd offense

Mandatory 45 days in jail with up to 11 months 29 days possible, \$600-\$3,500 in fines, and mandatory IID.

License revocation -2 years

3rd offense

Mandatory 120 days in jail with up to 11 months 29 days possible, \$1,100-\$10,000 in fines, and mandatory IID.

License revocation -3 years

4th or 5th offense

Mandatory 150 days in jail with 1 to 6 years possible, \$3,000-\$15,000 in fines, mandatory IID, and classified as a felony.

License revocation -8 years or more



Remembering Your Rights

No matter the circumstances of a traffic stop and arrest for driving under the influence, if a driver commits to memory the information in this article, he or she has a much higher chance of successfully challenging the case in court and avoiding the severe penalties and expenses associated with a DUI in Tennessee.



BLOOD ALCOHOL LIMITS



Under 21 Years Old



Above 21 Years Old



Commercial Licensed Driver

BAC %

.02

.08

.04



INDICATORS OF ALCOHOL IMPAIRMENT



The Odor of Alcohol

This can be the result of a small amount of alcohol consumption or an odor from clothing or shoes.

Weaving or an Unusual Pattern of Driving

In this age of distracted drivers, an unusual pattern of driving is commonplace, absent the use of alcohol.



Slurred Speech

Speech development issues, exhaustion, and dental problems can all lead to slurred speech.

Bloodshot, Watery Eyes

Cigarette smoke, exposure to harsh chemicals, and certain eye diseases can all cause red, glassy eyes.



Difficulty Producing Requested Documents

The anxiety associated with a traffic stop can cause a driver to act nervous or clumsy.

DEFINITIONS & COMMONLY USED TERMS



Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)

The amount of alcohol in your bloodstream as measured in percentages. A BAC of .08% is the limit in Tennessee.

Chemical Test

This is a test used to determine the amount of alcohol or drugs in a driver's system through a breath, blood, or urine test.



Standardized Field Sobriety Test

A set of mental and physical coordination tests law enforcement officers use to determine if a driver is under the influence.

Commercial Driver's License

A special driver's license, also known as a CDL, granted for the operation of heavier and more complex vehicles. These are classified under categories A, B, and C.



IMPLIED CONSENT & REFUSAL OF TESTING

FIRST OFFENSE

SECOND OFFENSE

1 Year Suspension

2 Year Suspension

FIRST OFFENSE WITH CRASH INVOLVING INJURY

2 Year Suspension

FIRST OFFENSE WITH CRASH INVOLVING DEATH

5 Year Suspension



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