

Open Container of Alcohol / Public Consumption of Marijuana

You can be charged with DRINKING alcohol on public property or in POSSESSION of an OPEN container with an alcoholic beverage or drinking in a vehicle on a public roadway.

You can also be charged with public consumption of marijuana if you are smoking or otherwise consuming marijuana in a vehicle or on any public space.

Ignition Interlock Device

An ignition interlock device (IID) is a breath alcohol analyzer connected to the vehicle's ignition system to ensure the driver is not drinking and driving. DC license holders and persons who moved to the District and were recently convicted of an alcohol-related offense will be required to enroll into the DC DMV Ignition Interlock Program. More information: <https://dmv.dc.gov/service/ignition-interlock-device-program>

Participating in the IID program requires an application, obtaining high-risk insurance, enrolling in an approved substance-abuse treatment program, paying the established fees (\$50 enrollment fee and all cost associated with the installation and monthly maintenance) and meeting eligibility criteria as required by DC DMV.

A DC DMV-approved service provider must install the IID device.

Consider the Following:

You may "feel fine" to drive, but why face the many penalties and risk to yourself and others? Consider the many alternatives:

- Have a designated driver or call a friend who has not been drinking or using drugs.
- Use taxi or rideshare service.
- Use the free **SoberRide®** Program during major holidays — **SoberRide.com**.
- Stay at home or overnight at a hotel.



Impaired Driving Crashes Are 100% Preventable

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING LAW WASHINGTON, DC

DRIVING IMPAIRED IS NOT WORTH THE RISK

DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED BY ANY SUBSTANCE CAN BE DEADLY.

KEEP WASHINGTON, D.C. SAFE. DON'T DRIVE IMPAIRED



Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs

Driving Under the Influence (DUI) threatens everyone's safety. That's why it is illegal to operate or be in physical control of any vehicle, including a scooter and bicycle, while you are intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or any combination of the two or if your Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) is 0.08 or higher. BAC is measured by a chemical sample of your blood, breath or urine. By operating a vehicle in the District, you consent to a chemical test upon arrest for DUI. In the District, a BAC of 0.08 or higher is **Per Se Intoxication**.

Facts About Drugs:

- Alcohol is a depressant drug.
- Slows reaction time.
- Impairs judgement.
- Blurs vision and increases the time it takes for your eyes to adjust to night vision.
- A 12 ounce can of beer, a 5 ounce glass of wine or 1½ ounces of distilled spirits or liquor are all one standard drink size.
- Combining alcohol with drugs can amplify the impairing effects of each.
- Some prescription and over-the-counter medicines can cause extreme drowsiness, dizziness, and other side effects. Read and follow all warning labels before driving and note that warnings against "operating heavy machinery" apply to driving a vehicle.

Impaired Driving: A Costly Mistake

Fines \$\$\$ + Jail Time + License Revocation + Job Loss



Penalties

	Fines (Max)	Jail Time (Max)	Driver's License Revocation*
DUI with Alcohol or Drugs 1st Offense	\$1,000	180 days	6 months
DUI with Alcohol or Drugs 2nd Offense	\$5,000	1 year	1 year
DUI with Alcohol or Drugs 3rd or Subsequent Offense	\$10,000	1 year	2 years

Under Age 21 – Zero Tolerance. Subject to the same penalties as above.

In addition to the above consequences, be aware that mandatory minimums exist for repeat offenders, BAC above .20; certain drugs, including DC Schedule I drugs, PCP, Methadone, Morphine, and Cocaine; minor children in the vehicle and an additional penalty if the children are not in the appropriate car seat;

*Notice of Proposed Revocation

Once arrested, the arresting officer will serve you with a Notice of Proposed Revocation that your license or privilege to drive in the District will be revoked, unless you request an administrative hearing with Adjudication Services at the DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DC DMV) within 10 calendar days of the date of notice for DC residents or 15 calendar days for non-residents.

Chemical Test Refusal

By operating a vehicle in the District, you have consented to a chemical test upon arrest for DUI. If you refuse a breath, blood, or urine test, your license to drive in DC will be revoked for 12 months. Further, refusal to submit blood, breath, or urine to testing may be used to prove your guilt in a criminal case.