

Arizona DUI Laws

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Information greatly affects the decisions you make - the more you know about the laws and penalties imposed by the State of Arizona on DUI offenders, the more unlikely you are to get behind the wheel after drinking.

If you are found have less than .08 percent alcohol in your blood at the time of your arrest, you are considered to be "impaired to the slightest degree" and will be sentenced to 10 days in jail (with nine days suspended provided you attend and complete an alcohol education seminar). You need to pay about \$1,450 (minimum) in fines, but the judge can impose as much as \$2,500 and send you to jail for six months. These penalties apply if your blood alcohol concentration is between .08 percent to less than .15 percent.

If your offense is more serious, and you are found to have .15 percent blood alcohol concentration, be prepared to spend more time in jail - 30 days, with 20 days suspended provided you finish alcohol screening and education and agree to equip your vehicle with an "ignition interlock device." The judge can impose higher penalties, especially if it is your second offense. You can spend as much as 6 months in jail, pay much more than \$2,500 in fees and surcharges and be subject to about 3 years of probation.

Remember that the State of Arizona does not have to prove that you have a blood alcohol concentration of at least .08 percent to convict you - if they find any trace of alcohol and prove that it impairs your ability to drive, you can be convicted. Be safe and do not drive when you've had drinks, even if it is just an ounce or two. Ask friends to drive you home, or hail a cab. When it comes to DUI, the old adage still makes sense - it is better to be safe than be sorry. Arizona DUI Attorneys provides detailed information on Arizona DUI Attorneys, Arizona DUI Fines, Arizona DUI Defense, Arizona DUI Laws and more. Arizona DUI Attorneys is affiliated with Arizona DUI Penalties.