



# Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol What it Will Really Cost You-

You're a 25 year old out on a Friday night. You had a couple of beers too many and your blood alcohol level is a .08. You jump into your 2005 American made sedan and misjudge a turn. You over-steer and crash into a "no parking sign." The local police department and fire department respond to the collision, but you're not injured; only intoxicated. You're arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Now get out your wallet for the penalties that will be imposed. Hopefully that \$20.00 an hour job will be enough to pay for this first time drunk driving offense. (Revised November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007)

- \$ 700.00 - You are charged for "cost recovery" of the police and fire department's personnel services
- \$ 145.00 - Your vehicle is towed
- \$ 170.00 - You are booked into the local jail
- \$2,150.00 - You call your attorney –This fee will get you approximately 3-5 court appearances (non-trial)
- \$1,660.00 - Court fine for driving under the influence
- \$ 100.00 - Court assessment for victim/witness program
- \$ 320.00 - You will miss approx. 1 full day and 2 half-days of work for court appearances
- \$ 33.00 - You will need to obtain a vehicle release form from the police department to pick up towed car
- \$ 80.00 - Tow yard storage fee for your car and a gate fee
  - *Your current insurance policy is \$1010.00 a year. Your rates will be raised for three years, unless your insurance company decides not to renew your policy and drops your coverage.*
- \$ 500.00 - Your insurance collision deductible
- \$ 1,521.00 - Your insurance rates are raised 150% for 3 years
- \$ 600.00 - You will lose all your years of "driver experience" (each year for 7 years)
- \$ 825.00 - A DMV hearing with your attorney to get your driver's license back
- \$ 80.00 - You will miss a half-day of work for the DMV hearing
- \$ 125.00 - Payment to DMV for the administration per se (suspended driver's license)
- \$ 27.00 - Payment to DMV for a duplicate copy of your driver's license
- \$ 455.00 - Driving under the influence awareness classes (3 month class)
- \$ 65.00 - Administration fee for the Sheriff work alternative program (picking up garbage on the side of the road)
- \$ 24.00 - \$8.00 per day for work alternative program (2 days)
- \$ 160.00 - You missed two half-days of work for work alternative program
- \$ 370.19 - 14-day rental of a compact economy car while your car is in the shop getting repaired

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**\$10,110.19 - Grand total for your first drunk driving offense – Is it worth it?**

After taxes, you will have to work 734 hours, that's 92 working days or over 4 months just to pay off your fines for the offense.

If you choose to drink, then make a mature decision – Don't drive!

The cost of a person's life is **"Priceless."**

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact  
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