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Driving under the influence is illegal. Aside from concerns for the personal safety of yourself and others, there are severe legal penalties and economic consequences if convicted. It is important to know that the DUI criminal charge is prosecuted in court and the driver's license sanctions are administered by the Secretary of State's Office. If convicted of DUI in Illinois, the following penalties apply:

MINIMUM PENALTIES FOR DUI CONVICTIONS			
	First	Second	Third
Loss of driving privileges	Minimum one year	Minimum 5 years	Minimum 10 years
Eligible for Restricted Driving Permit	Yes, subject to Statutory Summary Suspension Provisions* *Beginning Jan. 1, 2009, a BAIID will be required during entire suspension period	Yes, after 1 year revocation has been served and only with a BAIID installed in the driver's vehicle	Yes, after 1 year revocation has been served and only with a BAIID installed in driver's vehicle for the life-time of the RDP
Jail	Possible imprisonment 0-12 months	Possible 0-12 months imprisonment; mandatory 5 days (or 30 days community service) if within 5-year period	Class 2 felony with possible 2-7 years imprisonment. Mandatory 10 days imprisonment (or 60 days community service).
Community Service Eligibility	100 hours	30 days (or 5 days in jail) if within 5-year period	Mandatory 60 days community service (or 10 days imprisonment).
Fines	Up to \$2,500	Up to \$2,500	Up to \$25,000

* An offender requesting a Restricted Driving Permit after a first conviction may be required to have a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID) installed in the vehicle as part of driving relief.
 * Beginning January 1, 2009, Judicial Driving Permits will become Monitoring Device Driving Permits (MDDP) and only vehicles equipped with a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device may be operated by a first-time DUI offender. This requirement will apply to all those wanting driving relief during the time of his or her license suspension and/or revocation.

The above chart lists the major penalties for a DUI conviction. However, there can be many more consequences. For example, loss of work time, high risk auto insurance rates and meeting the requirements of the Secretary of State's Department of Administrative Hearings prior to obtaining a restricted driving permit. A DUI offender is also required to complete an alcohol and drug evaluation and an alcohol/drug remedial education course and might be required to complete a substance abuse treatment program before driving privileges are reinstated. In addition, first time DUI offenders must drive only vehicles equipped with a BAIID device during their entire suspension period beginning January 1, 2009.

What are the economic consequences of a DUI conviction? Consult the following for specific information.

AVERAGE COST OF A DUI CONVICTION IN ILLINOIS		
Item	Cost	Final Cost
Insurance	High-risk insurance – an additional \$1,500 a year. Required for 3 years.	\$4,500
Legal fees	Uncontested plea and hardship driving permit.	\$5,000
Court Costs	Fine up to \$2,500. Law Enforcement Equipment Fund:-\$500. Lab Fee: \$150 Reimbursement to law enforcement, towing and storage fees - \$500. Trauma center fund - \$100.	\$3,750
Income Loss	Loss of 4 weeks income due to jail or community service, evaluations and remedial education classes. (Loss based on average yearly income of \$40,000.)	\$4,000
Rehabilitation	Evaluation at \$150 and basic remedial substance abuse class at \$250.	\$400
Driver's License Reinstatement	\$500 plus \$10 for a new license; \$500 for multiple DUI offenders, \$50 formal hearing fee.	\$560
TOTAL AVERAGE COST =		\$18,060

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A DUI CRASH, THESE ADDITIONAL COSTS MAY APPLY:

Medical treatment for a crash involving injuries or fatalities.....	\$100,000+
Compensatory damages awarded to crash survivors	\$10,000+
In-patient substance abuse programs	\$3,500+
Legal fees for jury trials and civil proceedings.....	\$10,000+

Don't drive impaired. **Remember to choose a sober designated driver BEFORE you go out or take a cab.** It will save you not only time and money, but maybe your life and the lives of others.



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