

Connecticut DUI / DWI Regulation

DUI / DWI Statute	§14-227a
Criteria for DUI/ DWI	<p>BAC \geq 0.02 if under 21 years old</p> <p>BAC \geq 0.04 while operating a commercial motor vehicle or school bus</p> <p>BAC \geq 0.08 for all non-commercial drivers aged 21 or older</p> <p>BAC \geq 0.16 enhanced penalties</p>
Penalties for 1 st offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Jail: either (1) up to six months with a mandatory minimum of two days or (2) up to six months suspended with probation requiring 100 hours of community service ✧ Fines: \$500-\$1,000 ✧ License suspension: 45 days, followed by one year driving only a vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock.
"Look back" period	10 years
Penalties for repeat offender	<p>2nd Conviction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Jail: Up to two years, with a mandatory minimum of 120 consecutive days and probation with 100 hours community service ✧ Fines: \$1,000 - \$4,000 ✧ License Suspension: 45 days, followed by three years of driving only a vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock, with operation for the first year limited to travel to or from work, school, an alcohol or drug abuse treatment program, or ignition interlock service center. <p>3rd & Subsequent Convictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Jail: up to three years, with mandatory minimum of one year and probation with 100 hours community service ✧ Fines: \$2,000- \$8,000 ✧ License Suspension: the license is revoked, but the offender is eligible for reinstatement after two years. If reinstated, he or she must drive only interlock-equipped vehicles for as long as the offender drives, except that the commissioner may lift this requirement after 15 years, for good cause.
License suspensions	<p>1st offense: 45 days</p> <p>2nd offense: 45 days</p> <p>3rd and subsequent offenses: permanent</p>

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Ignition interlocks	1 st conviction: Mandatory 1 year following suspension 2 nd conviction: Mandatory 3 years following suspension
Vehicle impoundment	Impoundment for 48 hours if stopped while driving on a suspended license.
Open Container laws	None. Driver may not drink on highway, public roads, private roads with posted speed limits, or in parking areas for 10 or more vehicles. Passengers may drink in any vehicles anywhere at any time.

Sources

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