

District of Columbia DUI /DWI Regulations

DUI / DWI Statute	§50-2201.05
Criteria for DUI / DWI	BAC > 0.00 if under 21 years old BAC ≥ 0.04 while operating a commercial motor vehicle BAC ≥ 0.08 for all non-commercial drivers 21 years old or older BAC ≥ 0.20, ≥ 0.24; ≥ 0.25 ≥ 0.29; ≥ 0.30 enhanced penalties
Penalties for 1 st offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Up to 90 days in jail ✧ 6-month driver's license suspension ✧ \$300 fine
"Look back" period	15 years
Penalties for repeat offender	<p>Second DUI Conviction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 5 days-1 year in jail ✧ \$1,000-5,000 fine ✧ 1-year driver's license suspension ✧ 30 or more days of community service ✧ Potential ignition interlock device use <p>Third DUI Conviction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 10 days-1 year in jail ✧ \$2,000-10,000 fine ✧ 2-year driver's license suspension ✧ 60 or more days of community service ✧ Potential Ignition interlock device use <p>Penalties for Refusal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 1-year driver's license suspension
License suspensions	<p>1st offense: 180 days</p> <p>2nd offense: 1 year</p> <p>3rd and subsequent offenses: 2 years</p>
Ignition interlocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Required for 2nd and subsequent or enhanced offenses ✧ Available to first time offenders to convert their suspended license into a restricted license for the duration of the license suspension
Vehicle impoundment	No
Open Container laws:	May not drink or possess an open container anywhere in any vehicle

Sources

<http://dmv.dc.gov/service/ignition-interlock-device-program>

<http://www.dmv.org/washington-dc/automotive-law/dui.php>

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/transportation/state-ignition-interlock-laws.aspx>

<http://dui.drivinglaws.org/resources/can-a-passenger-drink-alcohol.htm>

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/financial-services-and-commerce/open-container-and-consumption-statutes.aspx>

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