

# Consequences of Impaired Driving

## Media backgrounder – October 2016

### Administrative consequences and costs

Immediate Roadside Suspensions for Impaired Driving				
Administrative Consequences	Warn Range (.04 – .08 BAC or drug impairment) Zero Drug and Alcohol tolerance for New Drivers <sup>1</sup>			Fail Range (Over .08 BAC or Refusal)
	1st Offence	2nd Offence (within 5 years)	3rd and Additional Offence (within 5 years)	All Drivers (within 10 years)
Immediate Roadside Licence Suspension <sup>2</sup>	Experienced Driver: 3-day suspension New Driver: 60-day suspension	Experienced Driver: 21-day suspension New Driver: 120-day suspension	Experienced Driver: 90-day suspension New Driver: 18-month suspension	Criminal Code charges: Immediate roadside administrative suspension until charges are resolved
Vehicle Impoundment <sup>3</sup>	New Driver: 3 days	All Drivers: 7 days	New Driver: 7 days Experienced Driver: 14 days	All Drivers: .08 to .15 BAC: 30 days .16 BAC and over or refusal: 60 days
Estimated Minimum <sup>4</sup> Towing, Storage Costs	\$190	\$250	7 days – \$250 14 days – \$355	30 days – \$595 60 days – \$1,045
Safe Driver Recognition <sup>5</sup>	\$0 - \$1,000	\$0 - \$1,000	\$0 - \$1,000	.08 to .15 BAC: \$1,250 .16 BAC and over or refusal: \$2,250 <sup>6</sup>
Impaired Driving Education Programs	Experienced Driver: DWI program New Driver: DWI program	Experienced Driver: Alcohol and Drug Education (ADE) program New Driver: ADE program	All Drivers: addictions assessment	All Drivers: 1st offence – DWI 2nd offence – ADE 3rd and additional – addictions assessment
Impaired Driving Education Program Costs	\$150 for DWI	\$450 for ADE		\$150 for DWI if required \$450 for ADE if required
Ignition Interlock Requirement	n/a	New Driver: voluntary ignition interlock for 120 days, after 60-day suspension	Experienced Driver: mandatory ignition interlock for 365 days, after 90-day suspension New Driver: voluntary ignition interlock after 365-day suspension for 365 days	All Drivers: 1st offence – 1 year 2nd offence – 2 years 3rd and additional – 5 years
Ignition Interlock Cost	n/a	\$545	\$1,185	\$1,185 - \$5,025
Estimated Total Cost	\$340 - \$1,340	\$1,245 - \$2,245 <sup>7</sup>	\$1,435 - \$2,540 <sup>7</sup>	\$3,180 - \$8,770 <sup>7</sup>
Criminal Charges	n/a	n/a	n/a	Possible <sup>8</sup>

#### Footnotes

- <sup>1</sup> New drivers include anyone in the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program or Motorcycle GDL program (Endorsement 6, M1, M2) and anyone with a restricted or provisional licence.
- <sup>2</sup> Roadside suspensions are separate and distinct from any charges a driver faces in court.
- <sup>3</sup> Mandatory vehicle impoundment.
- <sup>4</sup> Based on rates for vehicles under 5,500 kg and urban towing and storage costs.
- <sup>5</sup> Penalties are assessed through the Safe Driver Recognition (SDR) program - amount depends on driver's safety rating.
- <sup>6</sup> Criminal Code convictions for causing injury or death will result in a \$2,500 penalty.
- <sup>7</sup> Based on the maximum amount.
- <sup>8</sup> Plus legal costs, court fines and penalties.