DUI FACTS

Driving Under the Influence (DUI) includes not only alcohol, but any intoxicant, narcotic drug, or other drug producing central nervous system effects – including prescription drugs.

Alcohol is alcohol, regardless of whether it is hard liquor, beer or wine coolers.

A cold shower or cup of coffee will not sober you up.

Alcohol affects your physical mobility, the ability to reason and use of good judgment.

Large amounts of alcohol can do major damage to your heart, liver, stomach, and other critical organs.

Nobody reacts the same way to alcohol. Body weight, time of day, body chemistry, and mental state all affect a person's physical reaction to drinking alcohol.

Large amounts of alcohol consumed in a short period of time can be lethal not only for you but your spouse, your children, your family, and your friends. Is it worth the risk?

If you are going to drink alcohol, ALWAYS assign a designated driver.

UNDER 21? DRINKING IS AGAINST THE LAW

Forty-one percent of fatal crashes involving teenagers occur at night between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM.

If you are between the ages of 13-17 and found to have possessed, consumed, or sold either alcohol or drugs, your driving privileges will be suspended for one year or until age 17, whichever is longer.

If you are between the ages of 18-20, and are convicted of purchasing alcohol, you will lose your driver's license for a period of one year.

DUI COSTS

A single DUI conviction could cost you as much as \$5,000 or more after all fines and fees have been paid.

Potential costs of a DUI conviction include:

Fines

Court costs

Towing and vehicle storage fees

Attorney fees

Alcohol education program enrollment

Driver license reinstatement fees

Ignition Interlock Program costs

Higher insurance premiums and SR-22 form

Instead of throwing your money away on a DUI conviction, think of all the wonderful things you could buy with \$5,000:

College tuition Family vacation Down payments for homes or cars Home entertainment system with high definition big screen television

Pair of season tickets to a professional sports team











It's Not Worth It!





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DUI STATISTICS

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among persons between the ages of 3 and 33. (NHTSA*)

Approximately 14% of all children killed in motor vehicle crashes are victims of alcohol-impaired driving. (NHTSA*)

DUI – 1ST OFFENSE

Misdemeanor Conviction

Fine: \$350 - \$1,500

Jail Time: 48 Hours – 11 Months, 29 Days Driver's License: Suspended for 1 Year Community Service: Must remove litter from a state highway for a period of 24 hours while wearing an orange-colored vest bearing the words, "I AM A DRUNK DRIVER."

Ignition Interlock Program: An Ignition Interlock may be required for some offenses.

DUI – 3RD OFFENSE

Misdemeanor Conviction

Fine: \$1,100 - \$10,000

Jail Time: 120 Days – 11 Months, 29 Days Driver's License: Suspended for 6-10 Years

Ignition Interlock: May be required

Loss of Vehicle: Vehicle subject to seizure

and/or forfeiture.

In the United States, an average of one person is killed in an alcohol-impaired crash every 48 minutes. Those deaths represent 32% of all traffic fatalities. (NHTSA*)

Roughly three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-impaired crash at some time in their lives. (NHTSA*)

Approximately 31% of all Tennessee roadway fatalities are alcohol-impaired. (NHTSA*)

An estimated 513,000 people are injured in alcohol-impaired crashes each year which is an average of 59 people per hour or approximately one person every minute. (MADD Tennessee)

* National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

DUI - 2ND OFFENSE

Misdemeanor Conviction

Fine: \$600 - \$3,500

Jail Time: 45 Days – 11 Months, 29 Days Driver's License: Suspended for 2 Years

If second conviction occurs within 5 years of the first:

Ignition Interlock: Enrollment for up to one year in the Ignition Interlock Program following reinstatement of driver's license.

Loss of Vehicle: Vehicle subject to seizure and/or forfeiture.

DUI – 4TH OFFENSE

Felony Conviction

Fine: \$3,000 - \$15,000

Jail Time: Not Less Than 150 Consecutive

Days

Driver's License: Suspended for 8 Years

Ignition Interlock: May be required

Loss of Vehicle: Vehicle subject to seizure

and/or forfeiture.



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