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SUPPORTING AGENCIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
- Department of Public Safety-Division of State Police
- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- Connecticut's Court Support Services-Division of the Judicial Branch

Any amount of alcohol will affect driving ability. Alcohol's effect is magnified by emotions, physical condition, use of prescription drugs or other types of drugs, some over-the-counter medications and some herbal supplements.

BAC AND AREAS OF IMPAIRMENT

	.08	concentrated attention, speed control
	.07	
	.06	
information processing, judgement	.05	
	.04	coordination
eye movement control, standing steadiness, emergency responses	.03	
	.02	tracking and steering
	.01	divided attention, choice reaction time, visual function

BAC

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Connecticut's Drunk Driving Law



THE FACTS ARE...

Driving is a privilege, and under Connecticut's **IMPLIED CONSENT LAW** any person who operates a motor vehicle is presumed to have given his or her consent to a test to determine blood alcohol content (BAC).

You are legally intoxicated if your BAC is .08 or above. If you are under 21 years of age, you are legally intoxicated at a .02 BAC or higher.

Connecticut has enacted strong new measures to combat drunk driving. Stiff penalties, including mandatory sentencing and strict enforcement of our laws send a clear message:

Driving under the influence will not be tolerated on Connecticut's roadways.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI)

In Connecticut, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is a criminal offense. This offense may be prosecuted with or without any direct evidence of a person's blood alcohol content (BAC). The determining factor is whether a person's ability to drive has been impaired.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED FOR DUI:

- You will be detained by the police and read your rights.
- Your vehicle will be towed at your expense.
- You will be taken in a police cruiser to the police station.
- You will be asked to submit to a blood, breath or urine test. If you refuse, the refusal will be admissible as evidence in your criminal prosecution for operating under the influence.
- If you consent to testing, you will be given two tests at least ten minutes apart.
- If you refuse the test or if the test results show an elevated BAC, you will be subject to criminal and administrative sanctions.
- You will be kept in a police lock-up until you are bailed out.

TWO WAYS TO LOSE YOUR LICENSE:

There are two laws to protect the citizens of Connecticut from the impaired driver:

- DRIVER'S LICENSE SANCTIONS
- CRIMINAL PENALTIES

The DRIVER'S LICENSE SANCTIONS (license suspension periods) outlined below have been revised recently and will be imposed IN ADDITION TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES. In most cases, the driver's license sanctions will be imposed much earlier. IN ALL CASES, they will be imposed in addition to criminal penalties and will appear on your driving record.

ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

Blood Alcohol Level	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Driver's 16 and 17-Years-Old			
Refusal to submit to a blood, breath or urine test	18 months	3 year	6 years
Test results of .02 or higher; up to, but not including .16	1 year	2 years	4 years
Test results of .16 or higher	1 year	30 months	5 years
Driver's Between the Ages 18 to 20			
Refusal to submit to a blood, breath or urine test	1 year	2 year	6 years
Test results of .02 or higher; up to, but not including .16	6 months	18 months	4 years
Test results of .16 or higher	240 days	20 months	5 years
Driver's 21 Years Old and Older			
Refusal to submit to a blood, breath or urine test	6 months	1 year	3 years
Test results of .08 or higher; up to, but not including .16	90 days	9 months	2 years
Test results of .16 or higher	120 days	10 months	2 1/2 years

CRIMINAL LAW**

Under Connecticut's criminal law, the driver arrested for DUI will receive both a summons and a court date. If the court proceedings result in a **conviction**, the following penalties must be imposed:

First Offense	Second Offense Within Connecticut or Out-Of-State (within 10 years of last conviction)	Third Offense (within 10 years of last conviction)
Fine: \$500 to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$4,000	\$2,000 to \$8,000
Jail: Mandatory 48 hours of a maximum 6 month sentence; or 6 months suspended with 100 hours of community service.	Mandatory 120 days of a maximum 2 year sentence and 100 hours of community service.	Mandatory 1 year of a maximum 3 year sentence and 100 hours of community service.
License Suspension: One year	If the arrest was in CT, the suspension is 1 year followed by 24 months with an approved ignition interlock device. Suspension is 3 years for arrest that did not occur in CT. If operator is under 21 years of age, suspension is 3 years or until the time operator is 21 years of age (whichever is longer)	Permanent Revocation (The person may request a hearing after at least 6 years after the date of revocation)