

Penalties for First, Second and Third DUIs in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania uses a system for DUI penalties based on the amount of blood alcohol content (BAC) detected at the time of the arrest. Here are the general sentences offered in an average case, although they can be heavily modified to fit the circumstances. Keep in mind that these are only general guidelines and are not inclusive of court fees and other monetary charges.

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First Offense

BAC 0.08-0.09% - Probation that does not exceed 6 months and fines of approximately \$300

BAC 0.10-0.159% - No less than 48 hours and up to 6 months in jail; fines of \$500 to \$5,000; license suspended for 12 months.

BAC 0.16% and up - Minimum 72 hours to maximum 6 months in jail; fines of \$1,000 to \$5,000; license suspended for 12 months.



A person convicted of a DUI will also see a rise in their insurance premiums, and they may find that holding a professional license is prohibited in certain situations.

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Second Offense

BAC 0.08-0.09% - Minimum of 5 days and up to 6 months in jail; \$300 to \$2,500 in fines; license suspended for 12 months.

BAC 0.10-0.159% - 30 days to 6 months jail time; \$750-\$5,000 fines; license suspended 12 months.

BAC 0.16% and up - 90 days to 5 years imprisonment; \$1,500 - \$10,000 fines; license suspended for 18 months.

All BACs - Ignition interlock device installed for 1 year; up to 150 hours community service; Alcohol Highway Safety School enrollment; Alcohol and drug treatment program.

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Third Offense

BAC 0.08-0.09% - 2nd degree misdemeanor charges; 10 days to 2 years incarceration; 12 month license suspension; \$500 to \$5,000 in fines.

BAC 0.10-0.159% - 1st degree misdemeanor charge; 18 month license suspension; 1-5 years in prison; fines between \$1,500 and \$10,000.

BAC 0.16% and up - 1st degree misdemeanor charges and penalties similar to above.

All BACs - Drug and alcohol treatment; Alcohol Highway Safety School enrollment; ignition interlock device installed for minimum of 1 year.

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