

What To Expect at an OC DUI Checkpoint

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As you are driving up to a [sobriety checkpoint](#), you will notice that the area will be heavily lit up, will be patrolled by multiple police officers, will have several police vehicles and that there will be multiple signs indicating that a DUI stop is up ahead. Officers must follow a neutral and mathematical formula that usually includes either stopping every car or every few cars.

If you are stopped at an Orange County sobriety check point, open your window and wait for the officer to ask you a question. Listen and answer questions calmly and make sure to have your driver's license available.

Once officers notice any signs of intoxication, they may ask that you pull over and perform [DUI field sobriety tests](#). Examples of field sobriety tests include but are not limited to:

- **Alphabet recitation** – beginning at a random letter or reciting it backwards
- **Line walking** – walk on painted line or imaginary one to check balance
- **Hand Pat** – patting hand while counting out loud to test hand-eye coordination

On top of checking for drunk drivers, officers also look for motorists who are [driving without licenses](#) or who have their licenses suspended.

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