

Minnesota License Revocation & Suspension

In Minnesota, being charged with drunk driving means facing criminal penalties such as jail time and fines, as well as facing civil or administrative sanctions. Examples of such sanctions include loss of driving privileges or revocation of your driver's license for a certain period of time.

The process of driver's license revocation can be a quick one, and you must understand that there is no time to waste in such a situation. If you are dealing with the revocation of your driver's license after a drunk driving arrest, it is crucial that you seek legal representation from a qualified DUI/DWI attorney right away. An experienced attorney will ensure that your interests and rights are fully protected.

If you have failed a [blood](#), urine, or [breath test](#) or refuse to take one or more of these tests, then your driver's license may be immediately revoked. You may, however, be issued a temporary license for up to seven days before the revocation will be made fully effective. Minnesota laws have set various lengths of time for a driver's license to be revoked or canceled, depending on the unique circumstances surrounding a particular case.

90-day suspension

You may face license suspension for 90 days if the following factors are present: a blood alcohol content of under .16 percent, no aggravating factors that are associated with the current incident, and no previous impaired driving incidents in the last ten years.

One-year suspension

You may face license suspension for one year if you refuse a blood, urine or breath test, if there are no aggravating factors that are associated with the current incident, and if you have had no impaired driving incidents in the last ten years.

You may also face a one-year license suspension if you have a BAC of .16 percent or more, or if in the past ten years, you have had a second impaired driving incident along with a BAC below .16 percent.

Two-year suspension

You may be charged with a two-year license suspension if you have a second impaired driving incident in the last ten years, and if you have a BAC of at least .16 percent.

Three-year suspension

You may face a three-year license suspension if this is you have had three impaired driving incident in the last ten years.

Four-year suspension

You may be charged with a four-year license suspension if you have had four impaired driving incidents in the last ten years.

Six-year suspension

You may face a six-year license suspension if you have had five or more impaired driving incidents in the last ten years.

If you are below 21 years of age and have a BAC of at least .08, then all of the abovementioned sanctions will apply to you.

If you are below 21 years in age and have a BAC below .08, then you may face a 30-day license suspension for your first impaired driving incident without any aggravating factors. For a second impaired driving incident without any aggravating factors, you may be charged with 180-day license suspension.

Knowing your rights

Of course, you do have certain rights when it comes to the cancellation or revocation of your driver's license privileges in Minnesota. Among such rights include sensibly challenging your revocation through filing the necessary legal documents within a specific time period. If you fail to challenge your license revocation within the set time period, your right to a judicial determination is considered waived.

With the help of a competent DUI/DWI attorney, you may be able to qualify for a limited driver's license during the time that your usual driving privileges are withdrawn due to your DWI case. With a limited driver's license, you may be able to drive a vehicle in certain situations, such as to seek employment, to and from your workplace, to seek treatment for chemical dependency, to attend post-secondary courses or classes at an educational institution, and to provide for the educational, nutritional, or medical needs of your family.

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