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Driver's Education – Chapters 7, 8, 9: Driving Privileges, Impaired Driving and the Law

License Withdrawal – Suspension – Possible Reinstatement

- If guilty of causing death, injury or serious property damage
- If letting someone else use your license in an illegal act
- Traffic offense in another state
- If judged legally unfit to drive
- Failure to report an impairing medical condition
- Failure to stop for a school bus
- If you possess a fake or altered license
- If you take the driver's exam for someone else or have someone do it for you
- If you present a false ID to police
- Failure to pay a traffic fine or not show up for a car-related court appearance
- Failure to pay court-ordered child support
- If convicted of driving while drinking or after alcohol consumption
- If paying your license fees with a bad check

For the above infractions, license will be reinstated after a suspension period

Revocation – Loss of License

- Refusal to take an alcohol/controlled substance test
- Conviction of manslaughter or other serious crime while driving
- Convicted of a DWI (Drunk Under the Influence) or driving after taking drugs/controlled substances
- Convicted of a felony using a motor vehicle
- Convicted of driving over 100 mph
- Convicted of fleeing the police
- Convicted of fleeing from an accident scene or not giving your ID
- Convicted for lying under oath
- Pleaded guilty or forfeited bail for three violations in one year
- Convicted in another state
- Convicted of a misdemeanor while driving
- If owning a vehicle without auto insurance coverage
- Convicted of gross misdemeanor for not stopping for a school bus
- Convicted of selling/dealing drugs while driving your car

After a revocation period, you need to file for a new license

Limited License – If It Was Revoked

- Travel only to and from work
- Travel to school
- Travel to and from drug treatment/counseling
- Transport family to school, medical office or food store

There are strict requirements for limited licenses

Cancelled License – No Legal Right to Have One

- Mental or physical disability
- Failure to pass a driving test (road test or written test)
- False info on license application
- Legally unqualified to have a license

Impaired Driving

- Drugs impair our physical and mental ability for safe driving
- Both legal and illegal drugs produce intoxicating effects
- Impaired judgment – poor decisions, slower thinking
- Impaired vision – slower eye movement or blurry vision
- Slow reaction time in sudden situations
- Steering – weaving or over-steering
- Impaired perception of sounds and sights
- Impaired coordination or balance
- Impaired attention – poor focus
- One drink per hour is enough (12 oz. beer, 5 oz. wine, one mixed drink)
- Age, weight and gender affect your tolerance

Blood alcohol content of 0.08% is legally drunk!!!

MN DWI Laws (DWI=Driving While under the Influence)

- If blood alcohol is tested over 0.08% in a car or over 0.04% in a commercial vehicle
- Blow test will lead to arrest – after arrest: blood or urine test
- Crash with evidence of alcohol in the blood, leads to arrest
- License loss, fine and/or jail time (see next page)
- Must reapply for license and pay reinstatement fee of \$680
- Greater penalties if under 21 and Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) is over 0.20%
- Greater penalties if child is in your car or you refuse to take the blow test

- a. First DWI Offense – 90-day license loss, \$1,000 fine or 90 days in jail
- b. Second DWI Offense – 180-day license loss, 1-year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine, license plates impounded
- c. Third DWI Offense – 1-year license loss, 1-year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine, license plates impounded and vehicle lost
- d. Fourth DWI Offense – felony DWI – 4-year license loss, 7 years prison, 5-year conditional release and \$14,000 Fine

Controlled Substances – Drugs

Commercial drivers:

- If 0.04% BAC - 1 year license loss and detained for 24 hours
- If BAC less than 0.04% but detectable
- refusal to take alcohol test
- leaving of accident scene
- Committing a felony with your vehicle

Private Vehicle Owners:

- Open containers of illegal substances not allowed in any motor vehicle
- Controlled substances (drugs) are illegal if found in your vehicle

Information for MN Drivers

Web resources: mndriveinfo.org

MN Dept.of Safety Offices:

Road test scheduling 651-284-1000

Office locations – 651-297-2005

Driver's license info – 651-297-3298

Vehicle registration/title – 651-297-2126

State Patrol Info 651-201-7100

MNDOT Road conditions: Dial 511 or go to www.511mn.org

Consumer Information: MN Attorney General 651-296-3353

Voter Registration: Register to vote when you apply for driver's license
Registration must be done 30 days before elections

Organ/Tissue Donations:

Indicate you want this when you apply for driver's license or go to www.DonateLifeMn.org