



Don't Drink and Ride

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride, Inc.

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Call 1- 888-DIALRID(e) or
1- 888-342-5743

"Don't Rely on Luck or Fate, Now that the Limit is .08"

Currently in the state of Minnesota, if your blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level is 0.10 or higher (0.04 in a commercial vehicle) and you are in control of a moving or parked vehicle, you can be arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI). If a law enforcement officer can prove that alcohol caused you to commit driving errors, you can be convicted of DWI at lower alcohol concentrations.

On May 27, 2004, Minnesota's Governor Tim Pawlenty signed a bill into law that will lower the BAC legal limit to .08% effective August 1, 2005.

Minnesota Impaired Driving Penalties Driver's License Sanctions

Many years ago, first offenders had a good chance of getting off with a small fine and required participation in drinking-driver's education classes. Today, the laws of most states including Minnesota impose stiff penalties if you get arrested for DWI. And those penalties are mandatory, meaning that judges must impose them.

Each year, over 30,000 people are arrested in Minnesota for DWI. Each person may experience unique criminal penalties in addition to administrative license sanctions, depending on the arrest situation and previous driving violations and criminal record.

If you were arrested for a first DWI offense in Minnesota, and assuming that your BAC was under .20, according to the state you could generally expect the following imposed penalties:

Arrest - Misdemeanor

Criminal Penalties - 90 days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine

Driver's License Sanctions - 90 day license revocation/30 day if plead guilty to DWI

If you refused BAC test (additional charge to DWI)

Arrest - Gross Misdemeanor, License Plates Impounded

Criminal Penalties - 1 Year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine

Driver's License Sanctions - 1 year license revocation/30 day if plead guilty to DWI, or 90 day if plead guilty to test refusal.

In addition, all alcohol-related revocations of a Minnesota driver's license require a \$680.00 reinstatement fee, DWI knowledge test, a driver's license application with fees, and a chemical assessment.

Note: This information is a guide and should not be considered legal advice. This information is summarized from the State of Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety website. This information can be found at <http://www.dps.state.mn.us>.

Some Other Possible Costs to Consider Associated with a DWI Arrest

Insurance – possibly \$500 to \$1,000 increase in annual premiums

Lawyers fees – for court representation

Lost work time – time spent in jail, court or alcohol-education programs

Public transportation costs – while your license is suspended

Psychological cost – being tagged a “drunk driver”

If you were involved in an accident – health costs if you were injured, more lost wages if hospitalized, repair costs to motorcycle, etc.

Adopt **Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride, Inc’s** motto of: **“If you Ride, Don’t Drink”** or **“If you Drink, Don’t Ride.”**

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride, Inc., a non-profit 501C3 volunteer organization established in 1990 to educate Minnesota motorcyclists about the consequences of riding and drinking, to encourage the use of intervention methods to prevent impaired riders from riding, and to provide a safe free ride service to motorcyclists in Minnesota as a final intervention method.

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride, Inc. provides a free service available in the state of Minnesota on weekends and holidays from 6:00 PM on Friday through midnight on Sunday starting the last weekend of April through the last weekend of October. Including the legal holidays of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day.

Motorcyclists in the state of Minnesota who call the toll free number, **1-888 DIALRID(e) or 1-888-342-5743** during the hours of service, **Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride Inc.** will dispatch a volunteer equipped to transport the motorcyclist, passenger, and their motorcycle from a public establishment to the rider's home or local accommodation.

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