

## Alberta 24 Hour Suspension

**Note: Refusal to provide a breath sample continues to result in a charge under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) and an immediate suspension, which will remain in effect until all impaired related criminal charges are resolved.**

	Previously	Effective September 1, 2012
Ability to safely operate a motor vehicle is <b>affected by drugs or alcohol</b> <sup>1</sup>	<p><b>Licence suspension:</b> Immediate 24 Hour Suspension</p> <p><b>Vehicle seizure:</b> Not Mandatory</p> <p><b>Appeal:</b> Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p><b>Remedial course:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Board<sup>2</sup> hearing:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> None</p>	<p>No Change</p> <p><b>Licence suspension:</b> Immediate 24 Hour Suspension</p> <p><b>Vehicle seizure:</b> Not Mandatory</p> <p><b>Appeal:</b> Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p><b>Remedial course:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Board<sup>2</sup> hearing:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> None</p>
Ability to safely operate a motor vehicle is <b>affected by a physical or medical condition</b>	<p><b>Licence suspension:</b> None</p> <p>Note: Police have a common law and statutory right to prevent the continuation of dangerous or careless driving regardless of cause.</p>	<p><b>Licence suspension:</b> Immediate 24 Hour Suspension</p> <p><b>Vehicle seizure:</b> Not Mandatory</p> <p><b>Appeal:</b> Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p><b>Remedial course:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Board<sup>2</sup> hearing:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> None</p>

<sup>1</sup> Drivers with a BAC greater than .05 where no criminal charge laid may be issued an [Immediate Roadside Sanction](#) instead of a 24-hour suspension. Graduated Licence Program drivers with a BAC greater than .00 where no criminal charge laid may be issued an [Alberta Zero Alcohol Tolerance](#) sanction instead of a 24-hour suspension. All drivers with a BAC greater than .08 may be subject to an [Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension](#) and a *Criminal Code* (Canada) charge.

<sup>2</sup> Board = Alberta Transportation Safety Board