

## Alberta Immediate Roadside Suspension

**Refusal to provide a breath sample continues to result in a charge under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) and an immediate suspension. The suspension will remain in effect until the criminal charge is resolved.**

	Current	New
<b>Blood alcohol concentration of .05 or greater and no criminal charge laid</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> offence within 10 years	<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>1</sup> hearing:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Costs:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Licence suspension:</b> Immediate 3 day suspension</p> <p><b>Vehicle seizure:</b> 3 days</p> <p><b>Appeal:</b> Immediate Roadside Appeal</p> <p><b>Remedial course:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Board<sup>1</sup> hearing:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towing and impound charges</li> </ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> offence within 10 years	<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>1</sup> hearing:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Costs:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Licence suspension:</b> Immediate 15 day suspension</p> <p><b>Vehicle seizure:</b> 7 days</p> <p><b>Appeal:</b> Immediate Roadside &amp; Board<sup>1</sup> Appeal</p> <p><b>Remedial course:</b> Planning Ahead<sup>2</sup> or equivalent</p> <p><b>Board<sup>1</sup> hearing:</b> Upon referral by Registrar</p> <p><b>Costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towing and impound charges</li> <li>• Course</li> <li>• Application for Board<sup>1</sup> hearing</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> / subsequent offence within 10 years	<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>1</sup> hearing:</b> Not required</p> <p><b>Costs:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Licence suspension:</b> Immediate 30 day suspension</p> <p><b>Vehicle seizure:</b> 7 days</p> <p><b>Appeal:</b> Immediate Roadside &amp; Board<sup>1</sup> Appeal</p> <p><b>Remedial course:</b> IMPACT<sup>3</sup> or equivalent, may include assessment and monitoring</p> <p><b>Board<sup>1</sup> hearing:</b> Mandatory</p> <p><b>Costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towing and impound charges</li> <li>• Course</li> <li>• Application for Board<sup>1</sup> hearing</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Board = Alberta Transportation Safety Board

<sup>2</sup> Planning Ahead is a one-day course for impaired drivers with the goal of preventing impaired driving.

<sup>3</sup> IMPACT is a weekend live-in alcohol and/or drug use assessment and pre-treatment course for impaired drivers.

Note: Drivers in the Graduated Driver Licensing program who have consumed alcohol, but are not criminally impaired, are subject to the [Alberta Zero Alcohol Tolerance suspension](#).

Visit <http://atsb.alberta.ca/507.htm> for more information about the Vehicle Seizure Program in Alberta.