

Alberta's New Impaired Driving Law ■



What's new for drivers with Criminal Code charges (blood alcohol content over .08)?

Current

- 1st and subsequent charges - Immediate 24-hr licence suspension, then 21-day grace period followed by 3-month licence suspension; 6-month ignition interlock mandatory for repeat offences and most serious offences starting after criminal conviction

Future

- 1st charge - Immediate licence suspension until the criminal charge is resolved, 3-day vehicle seizure
- 2nd & subsequent charges - Immediate licence suspension until the criminal charge is resolved, 7-day vehicle seizure
- Addictions assessment may be required
- Mandatory use of ignition interlock device after criminal conviction:
 - 1st conviction - 1 year
 - 2nd conviction - 3 years
 - 3rd & subsequent convictions - 5 years

41,466 drivers convicted of impaired driving in Alberta over five years

What's new for drivers with a blood alcohol content of .05 up to .08?

Current

- 1st and subsequent offences - 24-hr licence suspension

Future

- 1st offence - Immediate 3-day licence suspension, 3-day vehicle seizure
- 2nd offence - Immediate 15-day licence suspension, 7-day vehicle seizure, remedial course, may be required to attend a hearing with the Alberta Transportation Safety Board
- 3rd & subsequent offences - Immediate 30-day licence suspension, 7-day vehicle seizure, remedial course, mandatory hearing with the Alberta Transportation Safety Board

What's new for Graduated Licensed Drivers?

Current

- Zero alcohol permitted
- 1st and subsequent offences - Immediate 24-hr licence suspension then 7-day grace period followed by one month licence suspension

Future

- Zero alcohol permitted
- 1st & subsequent offences - Immediate 30-day licence suspension, 7-day vehicle seizure

Refusal to Provide Breath Sample

Any refusal for a breath sample will result in a criminal charge, just as it always has. Drivers will also now receive an immediate licence suspension until criminal charges are resolved and a 3 or 7 day vehicle seizure.

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