

Iowa DUI / DWI Regulations

DUI / DWI Statute	§321J.2, et seq.
Criteria for DUI / DWI	<p>BAC \geq 0.02 if under 21 years old BAC \geq 0.04 while operating a commercial motor vehicle BAC \geq 0.08 for all non-commercial drivers aged 21 years or older BAC \geq 0.15 enhanced penalties</p>
Penalties for 1 st offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Charged as a serious misdemeanor ✧ Minimum 48 hours in jail ✧ 180 days to 1 year driver's license revocation ✧ \$625 - \$1250 fine ✧ Community service ✧ Installation of <u>ignition interlock device</u> if BAC over 0.10 ✧ Alcohol/drug abuse evaluation and treatment program
"Look back" period	12 years
Penalties for repeat offender	<p>Second Conviction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Charged as aggravated misdemeanor ✧ Minimum seven days in jail ✧ 2 year driver's license revocation ✧ \$1,875 - \$6,250 fine ✧ Installation of ignition interlock device ✧ Alcohol/drug abuse evaluation and treatment program <p>Third and Subsequent Convictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Charged as a class D felony ✧ 30 days to 5 years in jail ✧ 6 year driver's license revocation ✧ \$3,125 - \$9,375 fine ✧ Installation of ignition interlock device ✧ Alcohol/drug abuse evaluation and treatment program <p>Penalties for Refusal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ First refusal: One-year driver's license revocation ✧ Second refusal: Two-year driver's license revocation
License suspensions	<p>1st offense: 180 days 2nd offense: 1 year 3rd offense: 6 years</p>
Ignition interlocks	<p>A DWI offender may be required to install ignition interlock devices on the vehicles they own.</p> <p>A second or subsequent offender, after the mandatory license revocation period, may be granted restricted driving privileges provided they install ignition interlock devices on all of the vehicles they own.</p> <p>Prior to reinstating the driving privileges to a second or</p>

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	<p>subsequent offender, the State shall require such person to install ignition interlock devices on all of the vehicles they own for 1 year.</p> <p>For either a first or subsequent refusal, a restricted license may be issued by the licensing agency provided the minimum period of license revocation has expired. A person must install an ignition interlock system on the vehicle(s) they operate as a condition for obtaining a restricted license.</p> <p>A person who tampers with or circumvents an ignition interlock device installed as required in this chapter and while the requirement for the ignition interlock device is in effect commits a serious misdemeanor.</p>
Vehicle impoundment	No
Open Container laws:	Open container must be in trunk or otherwise inaccessible to driver and passengers, but does not apply to passengers of hired vehicles, motor homes, or house trailers. Glove box is considered accessible.

Source

<http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/Suspensions-Revocations.html>

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