



National Safety Council

Position/Policy Statement

~~Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs~~

Sanctions for Drivers Convicted of Alcohol/**Drug**-Impaired Driving

In order to increase the effectiveness of legal sanctions for persons convicted of alcohol/**drug**-impaired driving, the National Safety Council recommends that jurisdictions:

- Require license suspension or revocation for fixed periods for all convictions involving impaired driving.
- ~~and e~~Eliminate mandatory severe penalties such as jail sentences for first-time offenders of unaggravated impaired driving. ~~Assure that a~~All convictions involving impaired driving ~~can~~ **should** be ~~identified~~ **identifiable** on driving records.
- ~~Adopt the procedures by which offenders are processed to assure swift and certain adjudication.~~ **Adopt procedures to ensure swift and certain adjudication of offenders.** In particular, consider use of an independent civil procedure to suspend or revoke licenses on an expedited basis.
- ~~Do N~~ot mandate alcohol treatment programs as a substitute for license suspension or revocation, but ~~in addition~~ **rather, include** as a supplement, to these or other sanctions.
- **Require for previously-convicted alcohol-impaired drivers the installation and manufacturer's recommended maintenance of an approved ignition interlock device that detects alcohol on the driver's breath.**
- **Consider a higher penalty for a high illegal blood alcohol concentration range.**
- **Consider requiring their provision of community service hours.**
- **Consider requiring restrictions on their driving privileges.**
- **Consider requiring vehicle forfeiture in extreme cases of repeat offenses.**

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

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