



National Safety Council

Position/Policy Statement

Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Sanctions for Drivers Convicted of Alcohol Impaired Driving

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

- Require license suspension or revocation for fixed periods for all convictions involving impaired driving and eliminate mandatory severe penalties such as jail sentences for first offenders of unaggravated impaired driving. Assure that all convictions involving impaired driving can be identified on driving records.
- Adopt the procedures by which offenders are processed to assure swift and certain adjudication. In particular, consider use of an independent civil procedure to suspend or revoke licenses on an expedited basis.
- Not mandate alcohol treatment programs as a substitute for license suspension or revocation but in addition to these or other sanctions.

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

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