



Driving under the influence is illegal. Aside from concerns for the personal safety of yourself and others, there are severe legal penalties and economic consequences if convicted. It is important to know that the DUI criminal charge is prosecuted in court and the driver's license sanctions are administered by the Secretary of State's Office. If convicted of DUI in Illinois, the following penalties apply:

MINIMUM PENALTIES FOR DUI ARRESTS

	First	Second	Third
Loss of driving privileges	Minimum 6 months	Minimum 1 years	Minimum 1 years
Eligible for Monitoring Yes Device Driving Permit allowing driving relief with Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID)		No	No
Eligible for Restricted No Driving Permit		Yes, after 1 year and only with a BAIID installed in the driver's vehicle	Yes, after 1 year and only with a BAIID installed in the driver's vehicle
Jail	Up to 364 days jail	Up to 364 days jail; man-datory 5 days (or 30 days community service)	Class 2 felony with possible 3-7 years imprisonment. Man-datory 90 days imprisonment depending on facts
Community Service	Up to 25 days depending on facts	30 days (or 5 days in jail)	Mandatory 25 days depending on facts
Fines	Up to \$2,500	Up to \$2,500	Up to \$25,000
BAIID Cost	Approx. \$110/month during the suspension/revocation period, plus installation fees	Approx. \$110/month during the suspension/revocation period, plus installation fees	Approx. \$110/month during the suspension/revocation period, plus installation fees

The above chart lists the major penalties for a DUI conviction. However, there can be many more consequences, such as: loss of work time, high risk auto insurance rates and meeting the requirements of the Secretary of State's Department of Administrative Hearings prior to obtaining a restricted driving permit. A DUI offender is also required to complete an alcohol and drug evaluation and an alcohol/drug remedial education course and might be required to complete a substance abuse treatment program before driving privileges are reinstated. Additionally, first time DUI offenders may only drive a vehicle equipped with a BAIID device during the suspension period.

What are the economic consequences of a DUI?
Consult the following for specific information.

AVERAGE COST OF A DUI CONVICTION IN ILLINOIS

Item	Cost	Final Cost
Insurance	High-risk insurance – an additional \$1,500 a year. Required for 3 years.	\$4,500
Legal fees	Uncontested plea and hardship driving permit.	\$5,000
Court Ordered Fines	Fine up to \$2,500. Law Enforcement Equipment Fund:-\$500. Lab Fee: \$150 Reimbursement to law enforcement, towing and storage fees - \$500. Trauma center fund - \$100.	\$3,750
BAIID COST	Approx. \$110/month during the suspension/revocation period, plus \$100 installation fee.	\$760
Income Loss	Loss of 4 weeks income due to jail or community service, court appearances, evaluations and remedial education classes. (Loss based on average yearly income of \$40,000.)	\$4,000
Rehabilitation	Evaluation at \$150 and basic remedial substance abuse class at \$250.	\$400
Driver's License Reinstatement	\$500 plus \$10 for a new license; \$500 for multiple DUI offenders, \$50 formal hearing fee.	\$560
TOTAL AVERAGE COST =		\$18,970

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A DUI CRASH, THESE ADDITIONAL COSTS MAY APPLY:

Medical treatment for a crash involving injuries or fatalities	\$100,000+
Compensatory damages awarded to crash survivors	\$10,000+
In-patient substance abuse programs	\$3,500+
Legal fees for jury trials and civil proceedings	\$10,000+

Don't drive impaired. **Remember to choose a sober designated driver BEFORE you go out or take a cab.** It will save you not only time and money, but maybe your life and the lives of others.



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