

Driving While Impaired in Ontario

Your Driving While Impaired Bill

On December 24, 2001 you were charged with a Canadian criminal code offence for having a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) that exceeded the legal limit for operating a motorized vehicle. On February 14, 2002, you plead guilty to this charge. As this is your first criminal offence you now have a criminal record in Canada. You are prohibited from driving any motorized vehicle for **one year**.

In addition, there are direct financial costs to you arising from your conviction.

Here's what you owe

- The minimum criminal code fine for a first conviction is \$600.00
- Your license has been suspended in Ontario for one year. The fee to have your license reinstated is \$100.00
- You are required to successfully complete an impaired driver education course. The course fee is \$508.25
- Assuming you want to drive again, your insurance will go up approximately \$3000.00 (from approximately \$1000.00 to \$4000.00 per year) for three years. This results in an insurance premium increase of \$9000.00 (Good thing this was your first conviction and no one was injured.)
- When you start driving again, you will have to install an ignition interlock system for one year. It will detect the presence of alcohol in the air in your vehicle and will not start. This service will cost you \$1300.00
- What will it cost you to get around for one year; to work, to friends, to recreation, to family? Unknown

In total, you owe

\$11,508.25

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