

On average, drinking drivers kill two people every week in BC.

That's why drinking drivers face serious consequences and may be prohibited from driving.

24-hour Driving Prohibition

Drivers who receive a 24-hour driving prohibition will likely have their vehicle impounded and have to pay the towing fees. They may also have to pay for a taxi ride to get home. And for sure, the 24-hour prohibition will be added to their driving record.

Here are the facts

- If a driver gets another 24-hour prohibition, it will also be added to their driving record. A poor record may affect their ability to get a job.
- If a driver gets two 24-hour prohibitions in a two-year period, they can be prohibited from driving for even longer if there are other offences on the driver's record.
- If a driver gets three 24-hour prohibitions in a five-year period, they will be required to have an ignition interlock installed in their car **and** participate in the *Responsible Driver Program* – all at their own expense (total is about \$2,500).
- There are almost 40,000 24-hour driving prohibitions in BC each year.

The more serious the offence, the more serious the consequences.

Administrative Driving Prohibition (ADP)

- If a driver fails a breath test or refuses to provide a breath sample, they will be prohibited from driving for 90 days, even if they do not receive a *Criminal Code* conviction.
- If a driver gets two ADPs in a five-year period, they will be required to have an ignition interlock installed in their car **and** participate in the *Responsible Driver Program* – all at their own expense (total is about \$2,500).

Drivers cannot drive while prohibited. If they do, they will be charged with driving while prohibited and will face jail, fines and further driving prohibitions if convicted. Their vehicle will also be impounded and they will have to pay the towing and storage fees.

Criminal Code Consequences

- A first *Criminal Code* conviction results in a one-year prohibition from driving.
- Subsequent convictions result in longer prohibitions.
- Convicted drivers will also face fines and time in jail.
- If a drinking driver injures or kills another person, there is no limit to the fine and they will face up to 10 or more years in jail.