

Pennsylvania DUI Penalties

The penalties for a DUI in Pennsylvania can be severe and if your case involves multiple offenses or involves an accident or injury, the penalties can be enhanced. Pennsylvania determines DUI penalties based on BAC levels with higher consequences for higher BAC levels. There are three tiers of BAC levels and the penalties are as follows:

General Impairment (BAC of .08% to .99%)

1st offense - Ungraded misdemeanor; up to six months on probation; up to a \$300 fine; alcohol highway safety course; treatment as ordered by the court.

2nd offense - Ungraded misdemeanor; 12 month license suspension; 5 days to 6 months in jail; up to a \$2,500 fine; alcohol highway safety course; 1 year ignition interlock; treatment as ordered by court.

3rd or 4th offense - Misdemeanor 2; up to two years in jail; up to a \$5,000 fine; 12 month license suspension; 1 year ignition interlock; treatment as ordered by the court.

High BAC (BAC of .10% o .159%)

1st offense - Ungraded misdemeanor; jail up to 6 months; up to a \$5,000 fine; alcohol highway safety school; 12 month license suspension, treatment as ordered by the court.

2nd offense - Ungraded misdemeanor; up to 6 months in jail; up to a \$5,000 fine; alcohol highway safety school; 12 month license suspension; 1 year ignition interlock; treatment as ordered by the court.

3rd offense - Misdemeanor 1; up to 5 years in jail; up to a \$10,000 fine; 18 month license suspension; 1 year ignition interlock; treatment as ordered by the court.

4th offense - Misdemeanor 1; jail up to 5 years; fine up to \$10,000; 18 month license suspension; 1 year ignition interlock; treatment as ordered by the court.

Highest BAC (BAC of .16% or higher, controlled substance, or refusal to submit to a BAC test)

1st offense - Ungraded misdemeanor; up to 6 months in jail; up to a \$5,000 fine; alcohol highway safety school; 12 month license suspension; treatment as ordered by the court.

2nd offense - Misdemeanor 1; up to 5 years in jail; up to a \$10,000 fine; alcohol highway safety school; 18 month license suspension; 1 year ignition interlock; treatment as ordered by the court.

3rd or 4th offense - Misdemeanor 1; up to 5 years in jail; up to a \$10,000 fine; up to an 18 month license suspension; 1 year ignition interlock; treatment as ordered by the court.

With such steep consequences for a DUI charge, it is vital that you speak to an experienced attorney about your options. Nancy Schrum will analyze your case, discuss your options, and plan the most effective defense for your particular situation. Whether this is your first offense or you have had multiple offenses, having an experienced DUI attorney on your side can make all the difference. Additionally, attorney Schrum can keep you informed about alternative options, such as the [ARD program](#), which will allow you to keep a clean record and have the DUI charge expunged from any background checks. Don't allow your financial well-being and reputation to be affected by this charge. Contact Nancy Schrum today.