
Information about:

DWI: DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

New Mexico continues to rank among the worst states for drunk driving. Only the Dakotas, Wyoming, North Carolina and Mississippi rank worse than New Mexico. According to the U.S. Drug Test Centers, New Mexico has approximately 460 DWI arrests per 100,000 residents – the sixth worst rate in the country. New Mexico has been in the top 10 every year since 2009.

DWI

- Providing a breath sample with a blood alcohol concentration (B.A.C.) of .08 or higher
- Driving a commercial vehicle .04 B.A.C. or higher

AGGRAVATED DWI

- Providing a breath sample of .16 B.A.C
- Causing bodily injury while driving intoxicated
- Refusing to submit to a chemical test and subsequently found by the court to have been intoxicated

SELLING/GIVING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR

The intended sale, serving or giving of alcoholic beverages to a minor (under the age of 21), permitting a minor to consume alcoholic beverages or assisting a minor in purchasing alcoholic beverages is a 4th Degree Felony.

BINGE DRINKING

Binge Drinking (five or more drinks on a single occasion) is risky behavior. Prevention is the primary focus of our efforts to reduce harm associated with underage drinking. Reducing binge drinking would significantly reduce the three leading causes of death among our youth in New Mexico which are motor vehicle crashes, suicide and homicide.

NM MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

If you are between the ages of 15 and 34, you are more likely to die in an alcohol related crash than any other single cause. Tougher laws and greater enforcement have resulted in a drop in DWI deaths over the last 10 years.

If you suspect someone is driving drunk:

CALL (877) DWI-HALT or #DWI (cell phone only) to report a driver

CONSEQUENCES

Penalties for an initial DWI conviction include:

- 6-12 month license revocation
- 1 year ignition interlock
- Up to 90 days in jail (if the charge is aggravated DWI, a mandatory 48 hour jail sentence will be imposed).

A first offense of aggravated DWI results in an additional mandatory imprisonment of 48 hours. If a second offense occurs, the additional imprisonment is 96 hours. And if a third occurs, its 60 hours more imprisonment.