

Driving Under The Influence of Intoxicants in Oregon

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Driving a vehicle under the influence of intoxicants (DUI) in Oregon is a Class A Misdemeanor. It can also be a felony charge depending on other factors. The DUI law is [Oregon Revised Statute \(ORS\) 813](#).

Pedal-powered bicycles are considered vehicles in Oregon. Cyclists must adhere to the same rights and duties as other vehicles which means they can be cited if [cycling while intoxicated](#).

A DUI citation is issued to drivers with a blood alcohol content (BAC) higher than what the law allows. In Oregon, the threshold determined for safe operation of vehicle is up to .08 but drivers can be cited when BAC is lower. Driving on other drugs that cause impairment can also result in DUI, regardless of whether that drug is legal or illicit.

If you are stopped by a police officer and intoxication is suspected, you may be asked to [submit to field and other tests](#). Tests can include:

- reciting the ABCs
- counting
- walking a straight line
- blood, breath (breathalyzer) or urine analyses

Oregon has a [implied consent](#) law which means that drivers in Oregon who are arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants will be required to take blood, breath or urine tests. Drivers can refuse the tests but it is important to understand the potential consequences of doing so.

[Refusing to submit to a test](#) can result in the automatic [loss of driving privileges](#). This refusal will be noted and can be added to sentencing penalties, if convicted. Additional fines can also be imposed.

DUI convictions can result in jail sentences. Incarceration can range from one day in jail to five years in prison. Prior convictions, damage to property or causing bodily harm to another person while driving under the influence can make sentencing harsher.

Not all DUIs result in criminal charges. The judge will take several factors into consideration including a person's past criminal and driving record. Some DUIs get thrown out of court. In that case, it will not appear on the driver's record.

If you are convicted of a DUI, other areas of your life become more difficult. You might lose your job, having difficulty finding future employment or be ordered to install an interlock device in your vehicle.

The State of Oregon takes DUI very seriously. It is strongly recommended that you seek legal counsel if you receive a citation. [Educate yourself on the various scenarios](#) and potential consequences you face if convicted.

Lawyers can offer free consultations to review DUI cases. If you cannot afford a lawyer, ask the court to assign one for you. Having legal counsel represent you will give you the best opportunity to get your life back on track as quickly as possible.

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