

CONSEQUENCES OF UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DRIVING

In New Jersey, you must be at least 21 years of age to purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Underage drinking is illegal and can have severe consequences for young people who drink and for adults who provide alcoholic beverages to those under 21.

If you are under 21 and buy or drink alcohol in a place with an alcoholic beverage license, you may be fined \$500 and lose your driver license for six months. If you do not have your license, the suspension starts when you are first eligible to receive a license. Also you may be required to participate in an alcohol education or treatment program.

If you are under 21, drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in your system (.01 BAC or above) and are convicted for violating New Jersey's zero tolerance law, **the penalties are:**

- Loss or postponement of driving privileges for 30 to 90 days
- 15 to 30 days of community service
- Participation in an alcohol and traffic safety education program

**It's not what you drink...
but how many drinks you have.**

A "DRINK" =

1 1/2 ounces of
86 proof liquor

or

12-ounce bottle
or can of beer

or

5-ounce glass of wine
(12 percent)



Source: New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED LICENSE DUE TO DWI

- A fine of \$500*
- 10 to 90 days imprisonment*
- 1 to 2 years additional license suspension*
- If you are involved in a crash while your license is suspended and someone is hurt, you face a mandatory 45 day jail sentence*
- Revocation of motor vehicle registration*

REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO A BREATH TEST

- **1st offense** - \$300-\$500 fine and a license suspension of not less than 7 months or more than 1 year*
- **2nd offense** - \$500-\$1,000 fine and a 2-year license suspension*
- **3rd offense** - \$1,000 fine and a 10-year license suspension*
- Installation of an ignition interlock device for a period of 6 months to 1 year after license restoration for the 1st offense, 1 year to 3 years for the 2nd and 3rd offenses
- Automobile insurance surcharge of \$1,000 a year for 3 years for 1st and 2nd offenses, \$1,500 for 3rd offense
- A \$100 surcharge to be deposited in the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund
- Referral to an Intoxicated Driver Resource Center

POSSESSING AN OPEN CONTAINER IN THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT

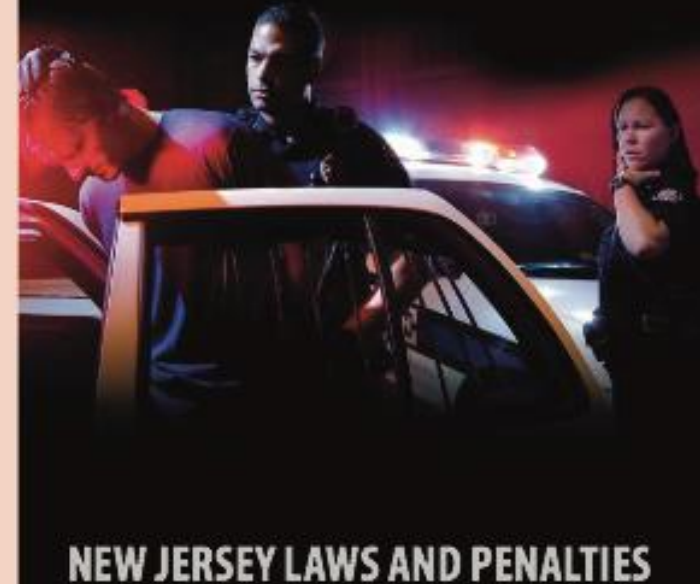
- **1st offense** - \$200
- **2nd offense** - \$250 fine or 10 days of community service

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