ARIZONA · DUI CHECKLIST

Arizona DUI Checklist

What to do today, this week, and before your court date. Print it. Check things off. One step at a time.

YOUR FIRST DEADLINE

30 days to act on your Admin Per Se / Implied Consent suspension (MVD Executive Hearing Office)

30 days from the date of the suspension notice (the affidavit served at arrest). Request in writing or online to the Executive Hearing Office. A timely request stays the suspension until the hearing. SB 1334 (Laws 2022, ch. 233) extended this from 15 to 30 days.

Who: Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division (ADOT MVD), Executive Hearing Office

KEY FACTS

SUSPENSION, 1ST FAILED TEST

90 days (restricted permit may be available after 30 days)

SUSPENSION, 1ST REFUSAL

12 months

1ST OFFENSE CHARGE

Class 1 misdemeanor

1ST OFFENSE FINE

At least $250 base fine (extreme $250+, super extreme $500+), plus mandatory assessments

1ST OFFENSE JAIL

At least 10 consecutive days (9 may be suspended); extreme DUI at least 30 days; super extreme at least 45 days

INSURANCE FILING

SR-22 for 3 years

PRIOR OFFENSES

Priors within 7 years count

IGNITION INTERLOCK

Required after any DUI conviction once your driving privilege is restored. A Special Ignition Interlock Restricted Driver License (SIIRDL) can also let you drive during a suspension.

1 First 24 Hours

- [ ] **REQUEST YOUR MVD HEARING IN WRITING — YOU HAVE 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE ON YOUR SUSPENSION NOTICE (ADOT/MVD)**

- [ ] Find your Admin Per Se / Implied Consent affidavit — it is your suspension order and takes effect in 30 days unless you request a hearing
- [ ] Write down everything you remember about the arrest
- [ ] Determine your DUI level: Standard, Extreme (0.15%+), or Super Extreme (0.20%+)
- [ ] Retrieve your vehicle from impound

2 First Week

- [ ] Consult with a DUI attorney before you decide — mandatory jail applies even to a 1st offense, and requesting a hearing can make you ineligible for a SIIRDL while it is pending
- [ ] Gather all arrest documents
- [ ] Complete alcohol/drug screening
- [ ] Understand the “impaired to the slightest degree” standard

3 First Month

- [ ] Attend the MVD hearing
- [ ] Apply for a restricted permit if eligible (may be available after 30 days of a 90-day suspension)
- [ ] File SR-22 insurance (kept for 3 years)
- [ ] Plan for the ignition interlock — required after any DUI conviction, at least 12 months for a standard DUI

4 Court & Beyond

- [ ] Serve mandatory jail time (at least 10 consecutive days for a 1st standard DUI; 9 may be suspended)
- [ ] Pay fines and assessments (at least a $250 base fine for a 1st standard DUI, plus mandatory assessments that push the total far higher)
- [ ] Complete any required counseling or classes
- [ ] Apply for license reinstatement after the 90-day suspension (12 months for a refusal)

Your full Arizona DUI guide

Deadlines, penalties, the court process, license hearings, and FAQs, with links to the official sources.

https://dui911.org/arizona

Official source for your license deadline: https://azdot.gov/mvd/services/dui-suspension/driving-under-influence-dui

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