FLORIDA · DUI CHECKLIST

Florida 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

10 days to act on your Administrative suspension; formal or informal review (Bureau of Administrative Reviews)

10 days after the date the Notice of Suspension was issued (usually the arrest date). The notice is also a 10-day temporary permit. If you request a formal review, FLHSMV must schedule it within 30 days of receiving the request.

Who: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), Bureau of Administrative Reviews

KEY FACTS

SUSPENSION, 1ST FAILED TEST

6 months

SUSPENSION, 1ST REFUSAL

1 year

1ST OFFENSE CHARGE

Misdemeanor

1ST OFFENSE FINE

$500 to $1,000 ($1,000 to $2,000 if BAC 0.15+ or a passenger under 18 in the vehicle)

1ST OFFENSE JAIL

Up to 6 months (up to 9 months if BAC 0.15+ or a passenger under 18 in the vehicle)

INSURANCE FILING

FR-44 for 3 years

PRIOR OFFENSES

Priors within 10 years count

IGNITION INTERLOCK

Required for a first DUI with a BAC of 0.15 or more or a passenger under 18 in the vehicle, and for second and later convictions. For a first DUI at 0.08 or more, the court may order it.

1 First 24 Hours

- [ ] **REQUEST YOUR FLHSMV FORMAL REVIEW — YOU HAVE 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE ON YOUR NOTICE OF SUSPENSION, USUALLY THE ARREST (FLHSMV Bureau of Administrative Reviews)**
- [ ] Decide: formal or informal review, or (first-time test failures) waive review and enroll in DUI school for a hardship license

- [ ] Keep your Notice of Suspension — it is your 10-day temporary permit, and FLHSMV can extend it if you request a formal review
- [ ] Write down everything you remember about the arrest
- [ ] Retrieve your vehicle from impound

2 First Week

- [ ] Consult with a DUI attorney before the 10 days run out — waiving review and requesting it lead to different hardship-license timelines
- [ ] Gather all arrest documents
- [ ] Enroll in DUI school (Level I)
- [ ] Apply for a hardship license if eligible

3 First Month

- [ ] Attend the FLHSMV formal review hearing (scheduled within 30 days of your request)
- [ ] Complete the substance abuse evaluation
- [ ] File FR-44 insurance (Florida's version of SR-22, kept for 3 years)
- [ ] Begin the DUI school program

4 Court & Beyond

- [ ] Attend all court dates
- [ ] Ask your attorney whether a reduction to reckless driving is possible
- [ ] Complete 50 hours of community service (1st conviction)
- [ ] Apply for license reinstatement (enhanced penalties and a required interlock at 0.15%+ BAC or with a minor in the vehicle)

Your full Florida DUI guide

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

https://dui911.org/florida

Official source for your license deadline:
https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/education-courses/dui-and-iid/florida-dui-administrative-suspension-laws/

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