NEW MEXICO · DWI CHECKLIST

New Mexico DWI 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 Implied Consent Act revocation hearing (MVD)

10 days from being served the Notice of Revocation (usually at arrest). The written request (form MVD-10792 or a letter) with the $25 fee or a statement of indigency must be postmarked or hand-delivered to MVD in Santa Fe within that time. Late requests are not honored.

Who: New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

KEY FACTS

SUSPENSION, 1ST FAILED TEST
6 months (age 21+); 1 year under 21

SUSPENSION, 1ST REFUSAL
1 year

1ST OFFENSE CHARGE
Misdemeanor

1ST OFFENSE FINE
Up to $500

1ST OFFENSE JAIL
Up to 90 days (at least 48 hours if aggravated DWI)

INSURANCE FILING
Proof of insurance required; see your guide

PRIOR OFFENSES
No time limit. All prior offenses count.

IGNITION INTERLOCK
Required after every DWI conviction, including a first. To reinstate, you must hold an ignition interlock license with a device installed for at least 6 months.

1 First 24 Hours

- [ ] **REQUEST YOUR MVD HEARING IN WRITING — YOU HAVE 10 DAYS FROM BEING SERVED THE NOTICE OF REVOCATION (NM MVD)**
- [ ] Include a $25 check or money order (or a statement of indigency) — the request must be postmarked or hand-delivered to MVD in Santa Fe within the 10 days
- [ ] Write down everything you remember about the arrest
- [ ] Retrieve your vehicle from impound

2 First Week

- [ ] Consult with a DWI attorney
- [ ] Determine if the charge is standard DWI or Aggravated (0.16%+ BAC, a refusal, or an injury — adds mandatory jail)
- [ ] Gather all arrest documents
- [ ] Apply for an Ignition Interlock License — every DWI conviction requires an interlock

3 First Month

- [ ] Attend the MVD hearing
- [ ] Install the ignition interlock device
- [ ] Enroll in DWI school if the court orders it
- [ ] Attend a victim impact panel if the court orders it

4 Court & Beyond

- [ ] Attend all court dates
- [ ] Complete DWI school
- [ ] Pay fines (up to $500 for a 1st offense)
- [ ] Keep the interlock for the full period — 1 year for a 1st conviction (the administrative revocation is 6 months, or 1 year for a refusal)

Your full New Mexico DWI guide

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

https://dui911.org/new-mexico

Official source for your license deadline: https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/nm-drivers-licenses-ids/dwi-information/what-to-do-after-a-dwi/

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