

DUI Defense

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Timing is Vital

If you've been charged with a DUI in Utah, the last thing you want to do is wait to hire an attorney. **Utah law is very strict on when DUI cases go to trial and how long you have to plea bargain the case. That's why it's important to hit the ground running in order to best protect your quality of life.**

We here at Wasatch Defense Attorneys know how important this case is to you. That's why we'll aggressively attack the charges against you ASAP.

Contact us immediately for a no-obligation case review [801.980.9965](tel:801.980.9965).

Save Your Driver's License

One of the biggest penalties you face in a DUI case is the loss of your driver's license. Losing the ability to drive places on your own can seriously impede your freedom and your quality of life. You only have 10 days after the arrest to file for an administrative license hearing to try to save your license. If you don't file for the hearing in time, you automatically lose your driving privileges for a period ranging from 4 months to 2 years.

DUI Penalties

Besides losing your driver's license, you can also face jail time, fines, and mandatory enrollment in substance abuse programs. DUI convictions are treated as misdemeanors, so they have no mandatory minimum jail sentence, but they do still form part of your criminal record. Also, if you hit another vehicle or otherwise injure other people, each injured individual counts as a separate charge.

Less common, but still legal, punishments include house arrest (including electronic tracking, which you have to pay for), loss of CDL privileges, and court ordered use of various possible devices that can track your intoxication levels, which you also have to pay for.

Motions to Suppress Your DUI

Motions to suppress are legal arguments presented to a judge before your trial. They typically target evidence, but can be used to throw out the entire charge. For example, your defense attorney can use a motion to suppress your DUI if:

- The officer involved didn't have enough reasonable suspicion to stop you
- You were illegally detained or were detained for longer than was reasonable
- The officer had no reasonable cause for your arrest

Individual pieces of evidence can also be suppressed, particularly if they were obtained illegally or administered incorrectly. **An experienced lawyer uses motions to suppress evidence that would typically result in a sure-fire conviction. This is the first step to a good defense.**

Minors and Underage Drinking

If you are a minor or are the parent of a minor who has been charged with underage drinking and driving in Utah, the consequences of drinking under the legal age go beyond the penalties listed for those over 21. If the defendant is underage and was just caught drinking—just drinking, not even driving—the court can still order the defendant's license revoked, and it can stay revoked for up to two years.

If your child is facing charges for underage drinking, you need a Utah DUI defense attorney who can guide you every step of the way. At Wasatch Defense Attorneys, you are well supported, and you remain informed on important developments of the case. Please contact us today for a no obligation case review.

We'll go the extra mile to defend you. Call Wasatch Defense Lawyers today for a free case review at [801.980.9965](tel:801.980.9965).

Guard Your Rights

Do NOT Waive Your Right to Legal Counsel! Authorities will try get you to incriminate yourself and suggest there is no need for an attorney. Stay calm and call us immediately: [801.980.9965](tel:801.980.9965)

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