

# Five DUI Mistakes to Avoid

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***Driving under the influence is a serious issue that could result in someone's license getting suspended (or revoked completely), jail time, and an inability to find stable employment in the future.*** Clearly, there are major ramifications that might stem from a DUI conviction. For this reason, it is important for everyone to understand a few of the most common mistakes that people make when they are pulled over due to suspicion of driving under the influence. Avoiding these mistakes can help someone down the road.

## 1. Pleading Guilty Because of a Breathalyzer Test

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One of the most common mistakes that people make is pleading guilty simply because they blew over the limit or that their blood was tested over the limit. There are a number of reasons why these tests might not be valid. First, the tests need to be performed under the appropriate circumstances. The officer has to have the right grounds to make a stop. Then, the test needs to be performed in the right way. The equipment needs to be calibrated. Otherwise, the test results themselves are not reliable. All of this information matters.

## 2. Trying to Talk Someone's Way Out of It

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Another common mistake that people make is assuming that they are able to talk their way out of the situation. People are friendly. People like to smile. People like others who are nice. All of these are reasons why someone might feel like they can simply convince the officer or the district attorney not to move forward with the case. On the other hand, this is simply an inaccurate assumption. A DUI is a serious charge. This is not a speeding ticket. People cannot simply talk their way out of it.

### 3. Trusting the Advice of a Friend

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Many people have that close friend they run to when they need advice with just about anything. This includes yard work, travel advice, home renovations, and more; however, that trusted friend does not have years of experience helping someone who is facing a DUI charge. That friend does not have connections in the legal field when it comes to facing such serious criminal charges. It is important to work with a professional instead.

### 4. Waiting to Hire an Attorney

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Those who are facing a DUI charge often feel like they can wait to hire an attorney. After all, the court date is months in advance, so there is plenty of time, right? This is not true. The earlier an attorney gets involved, the better chance a lawyer has to control the narrative and steer the ship in the right direction. Call an attorney quickly.

### 5. Assuming that All Lawyers are the Same

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While all lawyers went to law school, not all lawyers are the same. It is important to rely on a legal team that specializes in dealing with DUI charges. This is a serious issue and deserves the attention of an expert. Hire the right attorney.

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