IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU.
Each year in Colorado, 30,000 motorists are arrested for impaired driving.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING A DUI STOP?
If you exhibit signs of impairment while operating a vehicle or during a traffic stop:

• You will be asked to perform a roadside sobriety test.
• If you are arrested for DUI, you will be handcuffed and driven to jail.
• You will be asked to provide a sample of blood, breath, saliva or urine to determine any alcohol or drug content.
• If you refuse the chemical test, you will lose your privilege to drive in Colorado for at least one year, regardless of whether you are convicted of an impaired driving offense.
• Your car may be impounded.
• You will be photographed and fingerprinted for a criminal record.
• You will be held in a jail cell or transported to an alcohol detoxification facility until you are sober.

THE HEAT IS ON!
Colorado has made DUI enforcement a top priority with a commitment to reducing alcohol-related injuries and deaths. Police and sheriff’s agencies statewide, the Colorado State Patrol and Colorado State Parks participate in aggressive and intensive enforcement efforts, including sobriety checkpoints, increased numbers of DUI officers on the road, and heavy saturation patrols in problem-areas.

DRIVE SAFE AND SOBER.

COST OF A DUI
$10,270

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YOU CAN BE ARRESTED & CONVICTED

For Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI)…
• If your ability is impaired to the “slightest degree” by alcohol, drugs or even prescription medications, or
• If your blood alcohol concentration is found to be as low as .05

For Driving Under The Influence (DUI)…
• If you are “substantially incapable” of operating a vehicle after consuming alcohol, drugs or prescription medications, or
• If your blood alcohol concentration is at or above .08

If you have a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .17 or higher, even if it’s your first offense, you will be labeled a PERSISTENT DRUNK DRIVER (PDD) and sentenced as strictly as a repeat-DUI offender.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A DUI CONVICTION?
If you are convicted of a first DUI offense, you face a long road of consequences:
• Criminal offense (Class II Misdemeanor) on your record for life
• Loss of license and/or Ignition Interlock breath alcohol detection device on your vehicle for up to 24 months
• Imprisonment for 5 days to one year
• Probation
• Court-ordered alcohol education classes and treatment for up to 9 months
• Community service between 48 to 96 hours

VEHICULAR HOMICIDE – CLASS III FELONY
If you are convicted of impaired driving in a crash in which a person is killed, you can be sentenced to four to twelve years in prison.

VEHICULAR ASSAULT – CLASS IV FELONY
If you are convicted of impaired driving in a crash in which a person is seriously injured, you can be sentenced to two to six years in prison.

LIVES ARE AT STAKE.

More than 240 people are killed and 4,000 are seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes each year in Colorado.

COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A FIRST DUI

Detoxification................................. $455
Chemical Testing Fee ($30-$150)........... $90
Towing Fee................................. $143
Court Cost................................. $26
Car Storage Fee ($27-$50).................. $39
Defense Attorney............................. $2,500
Jail Fee ($10-$50)............................ $30
Alcohol Treatment Evaluation.......... $200
Bail Fee................................. $150
Alcohol Education Classes ($150-$1,000).... $575
First Conviction Fine ($600-$1,000)......... $800
Probation Supervision Fee (up to $1,200).... $600
Victim Assistance Fund...................... $78
Victim Impact Panel........................ $25
Victim Compensation Fund............... $33
Ignition Interlock Rental ($480-$1,460)..... $970
Law Enforcement Assistance Fund...... $90
License Reinstatement...................... $95
Community Service Supervision Fee..... $60
License Retesting/New License........... $21
PDD Surcharge Fee ($50-$500)............. $275
Auto Insurance Increase.................... $3,000*
Brain Injury Fund Fee...................... $15

*Estimated for a driver age 21-24 over a 5-year period

TOTAL $10,270

BEYOND YOUR WALLET:

Loss of Freedom
Property Damage
Potential Job Loss
Broken Relationships
Serious Injury
Lives Lost