

Special Penalties for Minors

All drivers under 21 who commit a DUI are subject to an automatic six-month driver's license suspension, regardless of age. Drivers under 18 who commit a DUI will be punished under Pennsylvania's Juvenile Act. Punishment under that Act may include a term of probation, committing the child to an institution, and/or ordering the child to pay a reasonable fine.

A drunk driver who is at least 18 but under 21 faces the following penalties:

- A first-time offender must undergo a mandatory minimum prison term of not less than 48 hours; must pay a fine between \$500 and \$5,000; must attend an alcohol highway safety school; and must comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the sentencing judge. The judge may also impose up to 150 hours of community service.
- A second-time offender will be imprisoned for at least 30 days; must pay a fine between \$750 and \$5,000; must attend an alcohol highway safety school; and must comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the sentencing judge. The judge may also impose up to 150 hours of community service.
- A third-time offender will be imprisoned for at least 90 days; must pay a fine between \$1,500 and \$10,000; and must comply with all drug and alcohol treatment imposed by the sentencing judge. The judge may also impose up to 150 hours of community service.
- For a fourth or subsequent violation, the offender must be imprisoned for at least one year; must pay a fine between \$1,500 and \$10,000; and must comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the sentencing judge. The judge may also impose up to 150 hours of community service.