

DUI SAFETY AND TREATMENT PROGRAM

IF YOU HAVE BEEN CONVICTED of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you may be required to attend a Safety and Treatment Program through an approved provider.

The obvious goal of the safe driving course is for each participant who completes the program to resolve never to drink and drive again. Sessions are generally three hours in length and are held once or twice a week for the duration of the program.

Various strategies are used to amplify the message of safe driving.

To illustrate the impact of drunk driving, instructors share statistics on statewide accidents and fatalities. Medical data shows how combining even small amounts of drugs and alcohol can adversely affect a person's ability to drive. Myths that surround social drinking are discussed and dispelled.

Participants often finish classes with a sense of gratitude. There's an unspoken understanding that their impaired driving could have sent them to prison for vehicular homicide, or worse.

Most DUI safety programs require 18 hours of DUI education. Upon completion of the class, each participant is evaluated by a certified clinician. This evaluation is a state requirement that helps to determine if further treatment is needed for a substance use disorder. If the evaluation reveals no apparent need for additional treatment, the participant submits proof of course completion to the state. A driver's license will not be reissued until the state receives the completed paperwork.

In cases where the evaluation calls for further treatment, the participant may choose to enter a treatment program of their choice.



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