

Arizona DUI Laws: Factors that Increase Punishments

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The punishments for DUIs can vary greatly from case to case, and there are several factors that contribute to the intensity of the charges for driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol in Arizona.

Factors that may affect the severity of the charges include:

The B.A.C. of the Driver

- The [legal limit in Arizona is 0.08](#); a BAC of 0.15 or higher is considered an [aggravated DUI](#) and comes with higher penalties.

Prior DUI Convictions

- Penalties continue to increase with each additional DUI conviction.
- If subsequent DUIs occur within a period of 84 months, charges will increase.

Suspended Driver's License

- If the driver's license is revoked, canceled, or suspended at the time of the arrest, charges will increase.

Child in the Car

- If a person under that age of 15 is found in the car at the time of the arrest, charges will increase.

Refusing Breath Test

- Suspension of drivers' licenses can be inflicted if a driver refuses to take a breath test, or any other test chosen by a law enforcement officer.

[DUI laws in Arizona](#) can be extremely complicated. If you are facing DUI charges in Phoenix, it is in your best interest to retain an experienced DUI lawyer as soon as possible. Facing your charges alone is risky, and you will have a much better chance of reducing your penalties with a professional DUI attorney on your side to guide you through your trial.

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