

AZ DUI Law Prohibits Driving Under the Influence of Prescription Drugs and Illegal Drugs

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What do you think of when you hear the term 'DUI'? For most, the words 'drinking and driving' come to mind first. This is because DUIs are generally associated with alcohol. But what you might not be aware of is that you can also be charged with an Arizona DUI if you [drive while under the influence of drugs](#), including prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, illegal drugs, supplements, vitamins, and minerals. DUI law in Arizona doesn't only apply to driving under the influence of alcohol. If a substance has the potential to alter your focus, attention span, motor skills, decision-making ability, or reaction time, you could face criminal charges for DUI.

Since there are so many components that go into a DUI arrest, it is important for you to make sure that you protect your rights if you have been charged with drugged driving. You might not have known at the time of your arrest that certain supplements or legal prescriptions can affect your skills behind the wheel. If a police officer pulls you over for driving erratically in the Phoenix metro area and notices signs of intoxication – regardless of whether you have been taking legal or illegal drugs – you could be arrested and sent to jail for a DUI on the spot.

The difficult part about a DUI for drugs is that standard tests, such as the breath test, do not effectively register the presence of drugs. As a result, a blood or urine test would have to be administered if the law enforcement officer suspects drugged driving. Since there are so many deficiencies when it comes to drug testing in a DUI case, prosecutors can face many challenges in court. Therefore, you'll want to retain a qualified DUI attorney who can poke holes in the prosecution's case if you've been accused of drugged driving in Arizona.

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