3 Must Do's of DWI Defense

Request a separate hearing before the NH DMV within 30 days of arrest.

In addition to your court case, the NH DMV will suspend your license automatically if you refused a test, or tested over a .08 blood alcohol concentration. If you don't request a hearing and challenge the suspension, your license will be lost.

2. Have an independent lab perform additional testing on your breath or blood sample.

This is the primary way we find errors in the State's testing of your breath or blood sample.

3. Hire an Attorney who practices primarily in DWI defense.

Unlike general criminal defense, DWI involves an understanding of the scientific processes used to prosecute offenders, and requires specialized knowledge in the defense of those charged with DWI. If you have been arrested for a driving offense

Seufert Law Office can help you:

- Not only represent you in court, but also challenge any license suspensions by the NH DMV.
- Arrange for additional lab testing of your breath or blood sample that was seized by the police by an accredited independent laboratory.
- Use our years of knowledge to identify all issues related to your arrest.

When you're faced with a legal problem, contact Seufert Law Office and let over 20 years of legal expertise speak for you. You'll talk with one of our attorneys who will carefully explain your legal rights and options.



We'll get you through it.

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NH DWI INFORMATION

The Facts about DUI in New Hampshire

In New Hampshire, DWI and DUI both stand for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. A person who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle, upon a way, and who is impaired to any degree from the use of drugs or alcohol, can potentially be convicted of DWI.

It is important to understand that an operator only has 30 days to contest an initial driver's license suspension and request a hearing at the NH DMV.

CAUTION: YOU CAN STILL BE CONVICTED OF DWI EVEN IF YOU REFUSE A BREATH OR BLOOD TEST!



There are four common DWI charges. They are:

DWI (first offense) – Class B Misdemeanor .08% blood alcohol level, and/or impairment to any degree from alcohol.

Penalties include: Minimum fine of \$500.00 (plus a 20% penalty assessment), and 9 months up to 2 years loss of license, completion of the impaired driver program (\$400.00 est.), and a \$100.00 reinstatement fee (plus additional suspension period under the DMV ALS rules)

Aggravated DWI – Class A Misdemeanor

.16% blood alcohol level (or other factors such as excessive speed, and attempts to elude police while under the influence of alcohol).

<u>Penalties Include:</u> Minimum fine of \$750.00 (plus a 20% penalty assessment); license loss for 18 months up to 2 years (may petition the Court to reduce to 12 months after completion of the alcohol program. Minimum 10 days in the House of Correction (7 days of that in the Multiple Offender Program at a cost of \$1500.00). Installation of an ignition interlock device.

DWI, 2nd, or subsequent offense Class A Misdemeanor

A Prior conviction of DWI within the last 10 years. <u>Penalties Include:</u> Minimum fine of \$750.00 (plus a 20% penalty assessment); loss of license for 3 years, minimum.

- a. If prior conviction within 2 years, 37 days House of Correction sentence including the 7 day Multiple Offender Program (\$1500.00 program).
- b. If prior conviction more the 2 years old, but within the last 10 years, must serve 10 days in the House of Correction and complete the Multiple Offender Program and installation of an ignition interlock device.

Felony Aggravated DWI

Typically an accident resulting with serious bodily injury.

- a. Minimum fine of \$1000.00 (plus a 20% penalty assessment.
- b. Potential NH State Prison Sentence.



Charged with DWI? You must act within 30 days of arrest to save your license!

> Free Information: www.nhdwi.info

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING AT NH-DMV, YOU WILL YOU LOOSE YOUR LICENSE AUTOMATICALLY!

THIS MUST BE DONE WITHIN 30 DAYS!

In every case, we will request a hearing before the DMV, in addition to representing you in court, to challenge the DMV from suspending your drivers license administratively.



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