WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TEXAS ...

2012 Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities (AIDF) Data

Total AIDF 1296
Under 21 AIDF 169

2012 AIDF per 100,000 Population

Total AIDF 5
Under 21 AIDF 2.1

2002-2012 Change in AIDF per 100K Population

Total AIDF -26.2%
Under 21 AIDF -42.7%

Percent of AIDF Involving High BAC Drivers

BAC = .15+ 71.9%

Percent of Drivers in Fatal Drunk Driving Crashes Involving Repeat Offenders

BAC = .08-.14 33.3%
BAC = .15+ 66.7%

2011-12 12 to 20 Year-Old Alcohol Consumption (latest available)

Past Month Alcohol Consumption 22.4%
Binge Drinking in Past 30 Days 14.1%

2010 Arrest Data

Under 18: Driving Under the Influence 592
Total: Driving Under the Influence 85,436
Under 18: Liquor Laws 3,610
Total: Liquor Laws 21,803
Under 18: Drunkenness 2,279
Total: Drunkenness 111,370

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911 LIFELINE LAW

Exemption from Citation for a Minor Possessing or Consuming Alcohol

Request medical assistance due to alcohol consumption. Remain on the scene. Cooperate with medical and law enforcement personnel.

RRC
for your BFF.
It could save a life!
What is the 911 Lifeline Law?

The Texas 9-1-1 Lifeline Law prevents a person under 21 from being charged by the police for possessing or consuming alcohol if he/she takes a person to receive emergency treatment or calls 911 due to possible overdose of alcohol.

Remember to call for help and remain on the scene. Minors can still get a DUI if they drive with any alcohol in their system, even if they are helping a friend.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code

§106.04 Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage by a Minor.
(a) A minor commits an offense if he consumes an alcoholic beverage.

§106.05 Possession of Alcoholic Beverage by a Minor.
(a) A minor commits an offense if he possesses an alcoholic beverage.

Subsection (a) does not apply to a minor who:

1. requested emergency medical assistance in response to the possible alcohol overdose of the minor or another person;
2. was the first person to make a request for medical assistance under Subdivision (1); and
3. if the minor requested emergency medical assistance for the possible alcohol overdose of another person:
   (A) remained on the scene until the medical assistance arrived; and
   (B) cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel.

Even though a minor may not be charged with possessing or consuming an alcoholic beverage under the 911 Lifeline Law, they may still be charged with:

- Providing Alcohol to a Minor
- Zero Tolerance Violation

Remember: It is illegal for a minor to drive a motor vehicle or operate a watercraft while having ANY detectable amount of alcohol in the minor’s system. This is also known as DUI (Driving Under the Influence).

1. First Offense - Class C Misdemeanor
   - Up to $500 fine;
   - Alcohol awareness class;
   - 20 - 40 hours of mandatory community service;
   - 60 days driver’s license suspension;
   - Ineligible for an occupational license for the first 30 days.

2. Second Offense - Class C Misdemeanor
   - Up to $500 fine;
   - Alcohol awareness class;
   - 40 - 60 hours of mandatory community service;
   - 120 days driver’s license suspension;
   - Ineligible for an occupational license for the first 90 days.

3. Third Offense (Under 17)
   - 180 days driver’s license suspension;
   - Ineligible for an occupational license.

4. Third Offense (17 or Older) - Class B Misdemeanor
   - $500 - $2,000 fine; and/or
   - Confinement in jail for up to 180 days;
   - 180 days driver’s license suspension;
   - Ineligible for an occupational license.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code §106.041

Don’t leave an unconscious person alone.

Signs of Intoxication

Coordination:
- Stands with feet wide apart for balance.
- Leans against structure for support.
- Fumbles with wallet or money.
- Slurs or trips over words while ordering.

Reduced Judgment and Inhibitions:
- Becomes overly excited.
-Speaks loudly and/or profanely.
- Throws objects.
- Giggles or laughs for no apparent reason.

Vision:
- Red or watery eyes.
- Droopy eyelids or tired appearance.
- Squints continuously.
- Closes or covers one eye to remove double vision.

Reflexes:
- Slow or deliberate movements.
- Slow or no response to questions.
- Slow or no reaction to actions such as spilling a beer on oneself.

Appearance:
- Frequently rubs hands through face and hair.
- Sometimes has involuntary eye movement.
- Frequent trips to the bathroom.
- Strong, stale odor of alcohol.

Signs of Alcohol Poisoning

- Unconscious or semiconscious (passed out)
- No response to pinching
- Slow or irregular breathing: less than 8 breaths per minute, 8-10 seconds between breaths
- Low body temperature
- Slow heart rate
- Bluish or pale, cold clammy skin
- Vomiting while “sleeping” or passed out

Call 911 immediately!