

Alcohol Awareness Learn the signs, risks



Consequences for Driving While Intoxicated: (DWI)

In Texas, there are three potential results: Your driver's license will be suspended for 120 days for a first offense and one year for a subsequent offense.

Fees in drunken driving cases can range from \$300 to as much as \$10,000 or more.

Instead than a license suspension, you may be allowed to drive if you install and keep an interlock device on your car for at least one year.

The legal age in Texas for the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages is 21. It is illegal to furnish or serve alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 21.

Alcohol and other drug use is a factor in many accidents, injuries and is frequently a key factor when students encounter problems with their coursework.

By knowing about the consequences on alcohol, you can avoid alcohol related problems and have your dreams and expectations in college be met.

First Offense:
up to a \$2,000 fine
72 hours to 180 days in jail
driver's license suspension:
90 days to 1 year

Second Offense:
up to a \$4,000 fine
30 days to 1 year in jail
driver's license suspension:
180 days to 2 years

Third Offense:
up to a \$10,000 fine
2 to 10 years in penitentiary
driver's license suspension:
180 days to 2 years
The legal limit for intoxication in Texas is .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC).

What is alcoholism?

It is a disease that includes four symptoms:

- Craving: a strong need, or compulsion, to drink
- Loss of control: the inability to limit one's drinking on any given occasion
- Physical dependence: withdrawal symptoms, such as nausea, sweating, shakiness and anxiety, occur when alcohol use is stopped after a period of heavy drinking
- Tolerance: the need to drink greater amounts of alcohol in order to "get high"

How does alcohol affect my body?

- Memory problems
- Organs, especially the liver and heart
- There is no safe level for pregnant women.

Quick Facts

- A glass of beer, wine or mixed drink all have about the same amount of alcohol.
- Just one drink can affect a person's ability to think and drive safely.
- More than 100,000 people die each year as a result of alcohol use
- Drunk diving is the number one killer for teens and young adults.

Signs you or someone you know may have a drinking problem

- Drinking alone, hiding bottles, lie about or try to hide drinking habits
- Drinking to calm your nerves, forget your worries, or reduce depression
- Frequently have more than one drink a day
- Hurt yourself, or someone else, while drinking
- Feel irritable, resentful, or unreasonable when not drinking
- Have medical, social, or financial worries caused by drinking.

Who to Call for Help

UTEP Police Department
747-5611

UTEP Office of Student Life
747-5648

University Counseling Center
747-5302

UTEP Women's Resource Center
747-5291

El Paso Police Department
911 (for emergencies)
832-4400 (for non-emergency assistance)

El Paso County Sheriff's Department
546-2280

Addiction Hotline Resource Center
1-877-235-0400

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