




# DRINK DRIVING PENALTIES

You could be imprisoned, banned from driving and face a fine if you're found guilty of drink-driving. The actual penalty you get is up to the magistrates who hear your case, and depends on your offence.




Being in charge of a vehicle while above the legal limit or unfit through drink.

-  3 months jail
-  £2,500 fine
-  Possible ban



Refusing to provide a specimen of breath, blood or urine for analysis

-  6 months jail
-  Unlimited fine
-  1-3 year ban

Driving or attempting to while above the legal limit or unfit through drink

-  6 months jail
-  Unlimited fine
-  Min. 1 year ban

Causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink

-  14 years jail
-  Unlimited fine
-  Min. 2 year ban & repeat test

## The High Risk Offenders Scheme

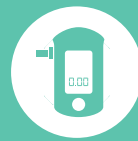
Your driving licence won't be returned automatically at the end of a driving ban if you're a 'high risk offender' You're a high risk offender if you:



Were convicted of 2 or more drink-driving offences within 10 years



Tested 87.5µg alcohol/100mm breath, 200mg alcohol/100ml blood, or 267.5mg alcohol/100ml urine



Refused to give the police a sample of breath, blood or urine to test for alcohol



Refused to allow a sample of your blood to be tested for alcohol

## A conviction for drink-driving also means:



Your car insurance costs will increase significantly



Your employer will see your conviction on your licence



Trouble travelling to countries like the USA