

Penalties for DUI - Drugs in Georgia

In most cases, any DUI-D charge is a misdemeanor. Though misdemeanors are often thought of as less severe than felonies, they can have just as serious consequences in your life. That is why it is important for anyone charged with a DUI in Georgia to consult with an experienced DUI attorney.

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First Offense

A judge has the option of putting you in county jail for up to 12 months. The sentence for a first offense cannot be less than 12 months. Most judges will place a convicted person on probation instead of putting them in jail for that year, depending on the circumstances of the DUI.

Fines for a first offense may be between \$300 and \$1,000, with surcharges. The convicted person must also pay to attend the DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program. Penalties also include community service and possibly counseling.

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Second Offense in 10 Years

A second offense in 10 years means a minimum of 3 days in jail. If they deem it necessary, a judge can sentence the convicted person to up to one year in jail. The fine will total no more than \$1,000, in addition to surcharges. Additionally, a fee for license reinstatement will be issued, once the suspension is complete.

The convicted person must complete 30 days of community service, attend and pay for the Risk Reduction Program and may be ordered to install an interlock ignition device on their vehicle depending on the circumstances.

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Third Offense in 10 Years

Once you have been convicted of a third DUI-D or DUI in 10 years, you are considered a habitual violator, and it's considered a "high and aggravated misdemeanor." Your license will be revoked for five years, and you face a fine of no more than \$5,000. You will spend at least 15 days in jail, and you must complete 30 days of community service.

A third offense also means the installation of an ignition interlock device, and you may get limited driving privileges after two years of a license revocation have been completed.

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