IN 2008 THERE WERE 4,800 DRIVERS 18 YEARS AND YOUNGER INVOLVED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS.

CAREERS

Some of the careers closed to convicted felons or habitual drinkers

- **Attorney** (Section 78-4-41)
  Disqualified if convicted of a felony

- **Architect** (Section 73-1-20)
  Disqualified if convicted of a felony

- **Bond Ballman** (Section 83-305(2))
  Disqualified if convicted of a felony

- **Barber** (Section 73-8-25)
  “Certificate of Registration may be denied, suspended or revoked if convicted of a felony or for habitual drunkenness or addiction to the use of morphine, cocaine, or habit-forming drugs.”

- **Cosmetology** (Section 73-7-47(2)(P))
  “...is addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors or to the use of drugs to such an extent as to render him or her unfit to practice...”

- **Dentist or Dental Hygienist** (Section 73-9-61)
  “License of a Dentist or Dental Hygienist may be revoked or suspended for ‘habitual personal use of intoxicating drugs...’ or ‘being guilty of an offense under the laws of a state punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year...’

- **Deputy Sheriff** (Section 12-28-10)
  Deputy Sheriffs “shall not have been convicted of a felony...”

- **Medicine** (Section 73-88-90)
  “Habitual use of intoxicating liquor, or any beverage, to an extent which affects professional competence...”

- **Optometrist** (Section 73-19-23)
  “The board shall refuse to grant a certificate of licensure to any applicant who has been convicted of a felony...”

- **Physical Therapist** (Section 73-23-69)
  “Subject to exclusion including revocation of license for conviction of a felony or for continued practice although the license has been found to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant due to addiction or abuse of any alcohol or other drug...”

- **Polygraph Examiner** (Section 73-29-31)
  Convicted of a felony or “license holder has been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction as an habitual drunkard...”

- **Psychologist** (Section 73-31-21)
  Convicted of a felony or “is using any narcotic or any alcoholics beverage to an extent or in any manner dangerous to any other person or the public, or to an extent that such use impairs his ability to perform the work of a professional psychologist with safety to the public...”

- **Real Estate Broker** (Section 73-35-21(f))
  “Refusal of license, suspension or revocation, for entering a guilty plea or conviction of any felony...”

- **Veterinarian** (Section 73-35-19)
  “Revocation or suspension of license of a veterinarian or the certificate of an animal technician for ‘chronic inability or habitual use of drugs...’ or final conviction of a felony...”

IN 2008 IN MISSISSIPPI, THERE WERE 2851 TOTAL ARRESTS FOR DUI.

DUI... CONSEQUENCES

STUDENT GUIDE

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TO SHOW THE DANGERS OF ALCOHOL IMPAIRMENT
**DUI... CONSEQUENCES**

**ARREST**
1. Taken into custody...placed in handcuffs
2. The police will search you and your vehicle
3. Towing and storage of your vehicle

**JAIL**
1. Booked in jail, fingerprinted, photographed
2. Placed in cell - often in drunk tank with drunks and other dangerous people
3. Phone call - from initial arrest to first phone call often over three hours
4. Bond - may be required to post bond to be released, will have to pay cash or 10% of bond and bond taxes to bondsman

**PUBLICITY**
Court records of arrest and conviction are public record. Newspapers publish names, crimes, fines and jail sentences for those arrested for DUI, drug and other offenses.

**ZERO TOLERANCE FOR MINORS (UNDER 21)**
- 0.08% Blood Alcohol Concentration to .08%
- Over .08%, you are treated like an adult

**FIRST OFFENSE**
- Fine $250-
- License suspended ninety (90) days (thirty (30) days if no breath test refusal)
- May be non-adjudicated at court's discretion

**SECOND OFFENSE**
- Fine $500.00
- License suspension one (1) year (reduction to six (6) months after certified alcohol/drug program)

**THIRD OFFENSE**
- Fine $1,000.00
- License suspension for two (2) years or until age 21 (whichever is longer)
- Completion of certified alcohol/drug program

**LICENSE REINSTATEMENT**
1. Must attend drunk driving school. $150.00 for four (4) three hour sessions over the course of one (1) month.
2. Proof of insurance.
3. Proof of payment of fines and completed court time.
4. Reinstatement fee of $100.

**ADULT OFFENSES (OVER 21)**

**FIRST OFFENSE**
- Fine $250-$1,000 and court costs up to $180
- Forty-eight (48) hours in jail
- License suspension for one (1) year

**SECOND OFFENSE (WITHIN 5 YEARS)**
- Fine $600-$1,500 and court costs up to $180
- Ten (10) days to one (1) year in jail and ten (10) days to one (1) year of community service
- License suspension for two (2) years

**THIRD OFFENSE**
- Fine $2,000-$5,000
- One (1) to five (5) years at the State Penitentiary
- License suspension for five (5) years
- Automobile seizure and sale with proceeds to the State
- Felony conviction - loss of civil rights - loss of careers

**DUI RECORD**
DUI offenses remain on your driver’s license record for 8 (five) years. It will never leave your criminal record and cannot be expunged. If you are stopped for any minor traffic offenses during this period and the officer calls in for verification of your license, the dispatcher will relate to the officer that you have had a previous DUI conviction. The officer will then make sure that you a) have a valid license (not suspended) and b) are not presently drinking.