

Why are Sobriety & Driver's License Checkpoints Important?

The Lompoc Police Department is dedicated to ensuring a high level of traffic safety by locating and arresting impaired drivers, reducing the number of motorists killed and injured in alcohol related traffic collisions, and ensuring drivers are properly licensed.

National statistics show impaired drivers kill over 17,000 people every year in alcohol related traffic collisions.

The California Highway Patrol estimates 30 percent of Americans will be involved in an alcohol related traffic collision in their life time.

The cost to the public is estimated at over \$114 billion dollars a year.

Two common factors in hit & run traffic collisions are:

- Impaired Driving
  And
- Driving on a suspended / revoked license, or otherwise not properly licensed to drive.



# **California Laws**

## **Driving Under the Influence**

Driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs, (illegal or prescription) or a combination of both is a violation of the law, as is driving with a blood alcohol reading of 0.08 percent or higher.

## Implied Consent

Anyone granted the privilege to drive is presumed to have given consent to law enforcement to conduct chemical testing of their blood or breath.

### **Commercial DUI**

It is illegal for a driver to operate a commercial vehicle with a blood alcohol reading of 0.04 percent or higher (Drivers will be put out of service for 24 hours with a reading of 0.01 percent or higher.)

## **Underage DUI**

A driver under 21 years of age with a blood alcohol reading of 0.01 percent or higher is guilty of an infraction and may have their license suspended or revoked.

#### **Driver's License**

Driving without a valid license or suspended license is illegal, and a misdemeanor in California. The penalty in California for driving without a license typically includes a fine and further court sanctions. Vehicles driven by unlicensed drivers may be subject to towing or impoundment.

### **DUI Bicycle**

A bicycle is a vehicle and bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road as a driver of a car. This includes driving while impaired.

Bicyclists can go to jail for DUI on a bicycle.

#### **A DUI Arrest has Serious**

If you are arrested for DUI, and your blood alcohol is 0.08 % or higher, your license will be taken away by the arresting officer.

A 30-day temporary license will be issued by the arresting officer, allowing time for administrative review and appeal with the DMV before your license suspension.

If you refuse to take a blood or breath test, or fail to complete a test, your license will be suspended for one year.

A DUI conviction can cost you \$7000 or more in storage fees, jail costs, fines, penalties, DUI education, attorney's fees, and vehicle insurance.

On your first conviction, you may serve 96 hours to six months in jail. When released, you may serve three to five years probation.

Your Weight	NUMBER OF DRINKS (over a two-hour period) 1.25 oz. 80-proof liquor, 12 oz. can of beer or 4 oz. of wine							
99 to 109 Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
110 to 129 Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
130 to 149 Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
150 to 169 Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
170 to 189 Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
190 to 209 Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
210 to 229 Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
230+ Pounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Blood Alcohol Levels								

( .01% - .04% ) May be DUI

( .05% - .07% ) Likely DUI

( 0.08 - Up ) **Definitely DUI** 

