

## **The Consequences of Not Hiring a DUI Attorney After a DUI Arrest**

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There are definitely times when hiring an attorney is not necessary, but when it comes to a DUI arrest, that's one time you shouldn't hold back. The reason? The consequences related to a DUI can be very high and therefore not hiring a DUI attorney to protect your rights can result in a huge mistake. Besides the fact that a DUI arrest can create havoc in your life as well as for your family, an arrest for a DUI is extremely stressful and requires the expertise of a professional DUI attorney to make sure the consequences are minimized.

### **Do You Know Your Rights?**

Most people haven't a clue as to their rights when it comes to a DUI, which is one of the primary reasons for hiring a DUI attorney. Even though you may think that it will be expensive to hire a DUI attorney, you shouldn't take chances with your life. Besides, you're worth the money that it may cost, especially since a good DUI attorney will not only help you minimize the consequences, but they'll also be there to answer all your questions. Take for example the types of penalties that can result. Without someone to represent and defend you, you may not know what to do if you're facing jail time, high fines, and alcohol treatment. You also take the risk of losing your license or at least having it suspended for quite a while but with a good DUI attorney, you have a much better chance of keeping your driving privileges in tact.

### **Why Else Would You Need A DUI Attorney to Represent You?**

Something that few people realize is that even though you've been arrested for a DUI, very often things are not handled appropriately during the arrest. Police Officers make mistakes therefore a DUI attorney will investigate the arrest and make sure that all the evidence is true and everything was handled correctly. A good DUI attorney will evaluate and question field sobriety tests, as well as the results of a Breathalyzer and blood alcohol content tests. Nothing is left to chance at any stage of the arrest, as a good DUI attorney will be there to find out exactly what happened all during and even after your DUI arrest. Even more important, you don't want the arrest to haunt you later on. A good DUI attorney will help put the DUI charge behind you, with as few consequences as possible. These are some of the reasons why it's so important to have a DUI lawyer evaluate the charges. He or she wants to make sure that everything supports the arrest. If the charges are not supported, the DUI attorney has a good chance of getting the charges dismissed. Without a DUI attorney, you're left to handle something that you know very little about and therefore left to your own uninformed devices.

### **If You Are Arrested for a DUI**

Before you say a word, it's really important that you not talk to anyone after a DUI arrest until you've had a chance to talk to a DUI attorney. A committed, well-respected DUI attorney is going to protect your rights and therefore they will do

everything in their power to help you get off. Of course we do not advocate drinking and driving, but we know that people make mistakes. We don't want you to suffer for the rest of your life, which is why a good DUI attorney is there to help. Don't leave yourself in a vulnerable position without a good defense. Make sure before you do or say anything, that you have a good DUI lawyer who knows how to defend you.

### **How To Decide Whether to Hire a DUI Lawyer**

Of course when making the decision to hire a DUI attorney, you're the only one who knows your situation better than anyone else and whether a DUI attorney is right for you. But the following few tips might act as a good guide.

- If you've already been arrested for a DUI in the past and you've just been arrested again, you should definitely hire a DUI Attorney
- If anyone was injured during your DUI arrest, you should hire a DUI attorney
- If you drive for a living and you're arrested for a DUI you should hire a DUI attorney.
- If you don't know your rights, you need the advice of a DUI attorney.
- If you don't know what you need to do or what steps to take, you should hire a DUI attorney.

### **A DUI Attorney Can Help Lessen the Consequences**

Remember, a DUI lawyer can help you decipher all the legal ins and outs regarding what you will be facing and that includes the fines you may incur, whether jail time is a possibility and issues with the DMV. A DUI attorney will take you step by step through the process and explain what consequences you face, the different punishments and penalties for those with blood alcohol levels over the legal amounts, plea-bargaining actions, community services and various other options related to a DUI. A good DUI lawyer will also help you manage the entire process even it includes an arraignment as well as completing required forms, making necessary phone calls, representing you at the Motor Vehicle Department and helping you make various types of arrangements. Don't take chances with your life. Instead, let a DUI attorney help you figure out what to do. In brief, hiring a DUI attorney will help lessen the consequences.

### **About the DUI Attorneys at Straight DUI**

We at Straight DUI do everything we can to get you off, keep your record clean and prevent you from losing your license to drive. We start by believing that you shouldn't have been arrested, so with that uppermost in our minds, we fight for you. When you place yourself in the hands of the knowledgeable [DUI attorneys](#) at [www.straightdui.com](http://www.straightdui.com), you know you will be treated fairly and will receive the best defense possible. We understand how important a good defense is to your case and so we do everything to protect your rights. Call us today at (800-353-6348) and let us help.