

ABOUT THE IDP/IDRC PROGRAM

The New Jersey Intoxicated Driving Program (IDP) is responsible for the administration of post conviction interventions that include education, screening, treatment referral and treatment services for persons convicted of alcohol or drug related driving or boating offenses.

Through a partnership between the Department of Human Services (DHS), Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC), the IDP coordinates all services for clients statewide. The IDP office monitors the county and regional Intoxicated Driver Resource Centers (IDRC). IDP coordinates the client's participation in county level education, screening, and referrals completed at the IDRC.

Financially indigent NJ residents meeting certain eligibility requirements may qualify for treatment resources through the Driving Under the Influence Initiative (DUII) fund. For further information about the DUII fund, please visit:

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/resources/services/treatment/sa_duii.html



CONTACT INFORMATION

Client Call Center

(609) 815-3100

Hours:

8:30 AM EST - 4:30 PM EST

Mailing Address:

New Jersey Intoxicated Driving Program
PO BOX 365 Trenton, NJ 08625-0365

If you are seeking treatment and would like a list of the Intoxicated Driving Program (IDP) affiliated treatment providers, call your county Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC). Visit this website for more information:

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/resources/services/treatment/addictions/IDRC_Directory.pdf

Questions related to driver's license restoration can be directed to NJ Motor Vehicle Commission:
(609) 292-7500

To obtain a copy of your life-time New Jersey driving history, please call
(609) 292-6500

or visit:

<http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/DriverHistory.htm>

For copies of court orders, summons, etc., contact your municipal court of conviction.

See:

<http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/directory/munctadr.pdf>

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES

INTOXICATED DRIVING PROGRAM



HOW DOES THE PROGRAM APPLY TO ME?

If you have been convicted of an alcohol or drug-related traffic or boating offense in New Jersey or in another State while holding a New Jersey driver's license, you must satisfy the requirements of both the IDP and the IDRC.

These programs have two purposes:

- (1) to refer, monitor and guide those who need treatment for an alcohol or drug problem; and,
- (2) to make our highways and waterways safer by educating drivers and boat operators about alcohol and drugs and their relation to motor vehicle and boating safety.

WHAT IF I AM CONVICTED IN NJ, BUT I LIVE OUT OF STATE OR HAVE ANOTHER STATE'S DRIVER'S LICENSE?

Out of state offenders may satisfy the requirements in their home state. Information regarding these requirements will be mailed to the offender after the courts have made a conviction. These requirements are also available on the internet at:

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/resources/services/treatment/sa_idp.html

If you live within one hour's driving distance of an IDRC in New Jersey, you will be scheduled to appear at the nearest New Jersey IDRC. If you live further than one hour's driving distance, you will be given an opportunity to satisfy the requirements in your home state. The driving privilege restoration and related program fees must still be paid to the NJMVC.

WHAT PROGRAM MUST I ATTEND AND WHERE IS IT?

If you are sentenced to a 12-hour IDRC program, you will be detained, educated, and screened for at least six hours each day on two consecutive days (a total of 12 hours) in your county IDRC.

If you are sentenced to a 48-hour IDRC program, you will be detained, educated and screened during a period of 48 consecutive hours in a regional facility approved by your county.

If you are sentenced as a third or subsequent offender, the court may sentence you to jail or to an inpatient addictions treatment program; or both. IDP will then schedule you to appear at the 12-hour IDRC for follow up.

In all cases, you must satisfy the program, fee, and treatment requirements of the IDP/IDRC. Failure to satisfy the program requirements may jeopardize the reinstatement of your driving privileges or extend your driving suspension period.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT PARTICIPATE?

If you fail to appear at the IDRC or do not satisfactorily complete a prescribed treatment, self-help program or pay the fees on time, your license will be suspended until these IDP/IDRC requirements are satisfied. You may also be jailed two days due to program noncompliance.

WHAT DOES THE EDUCATION PROGRAM DO?

The education program, which is part of the 12- and 48- hour IDRC, contains information on: social and problem drinking; stages of alcoholism; family and other relationships; alcohol and drugs and their effects on driving ability; and the New Jersey Intoxicated Driving Law.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I HAVE BEEN DETAINED AND SCREENED?

You may be referred to a treatment program for further assessment. If you are referred for an additional assessment, and treatment is recommended, the IDRC is responsible to monitor you during this period. You must complete this treatment as part of your sentence.

WHAT HAPPENS AT IDRC?

You will pay the IDRC program fee and complete a questionnaire. You will attend a series of educational sessions and discussions. You will meet with a counselor for a personal screening interview.

WHAT ABOUT MY DRIVER'S LICENSE?

The IDP is responsible for providing client education and compliance monitoring of the IDRC program. Your driving privilege is maintained by the NJ MVC and will be restored when you have satisfied all court and MVC-imposed suspensions and once you are in compliance with all IDRC requirements.