

The Washington Regional
Alcohol Program's (WRAP)

2026 CORPORATE GUIDE

to Safe Celebrating
and Safe Driving



Impaired driving is a grave problem both nationally as well as locally in the Washington-metropolitan area where the tragic effects are seen on a daily basis. Communities pay both a human and economic toll for impaired driving and therefore should take the lead in solving this problem. Community partnerships are essential to making a difference, from the combination of public information, education, advocacy and law enforcement. Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of workplace fatalities in the United States (National Safety Council), making employers key partners in the battle to keep the Greater Washington roads safe. Use WRAP's Corporate Guide as a resource to stay safe during both holiday periods and throughout the year.

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Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP)

Founded in 1982, the nonprofit [501(c)(3)] Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) is a coalition of diverse interests using effective education, innovative programs and targeted advocacy to end alcohol-impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington, DC metro area. Through public education, innovative health education programs and advocacy, WRAP is credited with keeping the metro-Washington area's alcohol-related traffic deaths historically lower than the national average. WRAP, however, may best be known to area residents via the organization's popular free safe ride service for would-be drunk drivers, SoberRide®.



Community Programs and Initiatives

The nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) offers a vast array of services to fight impaired driving in the Washington-metropolitan area. The following are just two of the programs and services that we provide.

SoberRide

WRAP's SoberRide®, one of the nation's most successful free safe ride programs to prevent drunk driving, has helped to ensure that Washington-metropolitan area residents have a safe way home on high-risk holidays. Since 1991 alone, over 103,000 safe rides home have been provided to would-be drunk drivers.

Currently, SoberRide® operates during the December/January holiday season, Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day and Halloween. Visit www.SoberRide.com for details and running times. (SoberRide® is a registered trademark of the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program).



Safe and Vital Employees (SAVE)

This business/military outreach program brings traffic safety right into the workplace. Through SAVE, WRAP talks directly to employees and military personnel about the physical, economic and legal consequences of impaired driving. Additionally, WRAP provides guidelines for safe celebrating and the reduction of alcohol-induced risky behaviors.

The purpose of this program is to keep employees and military personnel safe, healthy and productive while helping to reduce insurance, workers' compensation costs and other related expenses. To help capture the attention of the employees and add credibility to the effort, WRAP works closely with area police departments and drunk driving victims.

To arrange this no-cost, 45-minute, individually customized program, please contact WRAP at (703) 893-0461.

For a more detailed listing of our programs, please visit our website at www.wrap.org.

High Costs to Businesses

Employers lose billions of dollars annually as a result of on and off the job motor vehicle injuries. Such accounts for:

- Lost work time
- Insurance premium increases
- Workers compensation payments
- Lost productivity
- Administrative burdens
- Lowered employee morale
- Loss of a trained, trusted employee

Information provided by American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Many of these injuries occur as a result of impaired driving, and much of this cost could be prevented by the ability to recognize on-the-job warning signs of alcohol and drug abuse. It is important to remember that while these signs can indicate potential substance abuse, they are also indicative of other problems and do not constitute a definite diagnosis.

- Inconsistent work quality
- Poor concentration
- Lowered productivity
- Increased absenteeism
- Unexplained disappearances from the job site
- Carelessness, mistakes
- Errors in judgement
- Needless risk-taking
- Disregard for safety
- Regular injuries and accidents on the job
- Extended lunch periods and early departures
- Fatigue
- Frequent financial problems
- Red and glazed eyes

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Regional DUI/DWI Arrests

2024 DUI/DWI Arrests

District of Columbia	781
Montgomery County, MD	1,642
Prince George's County, MD	1,529
Arlington County, VA	394
Fairfax Co., VA	1,893
Loudoun Co., VA	636

2024 DUI/DWI Arrests

Prince William Co, VA	1,364
City of Alexandria, VA	173
City of Fairfax, VA	56
City of Falls Church, VA	25
City of Manassas, VA	142
City of Manassas Park, VA	75
Regional Total	8,710

Information provided by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Alcohol/Drug-Related Vehicular Fatalities

	2024 Total Traffic Fatalities	2024 Alcohol/Drug Related Traffic Fatalities
District of Columbia	52	2
Montgomery County, MD	49	12
Prince George's County, MD	95	16
Arlington County, VA	2	1
Fairfax Co., VA	55	17
Loudoun Co., VA	13	5

	2024 Total Traffic Fatalities	2024 Alcohol/Drug Related Traffic Fatalities
Prince William Co, VA	30	11
City of Alexandria, VA	6	0
City of Fairfax, VA	0	0
City of Falls Church, VA	1	0
City of Manassas, VA	0	0
City of Manassas Park, VA	0	0
Regional Total	303	64

Information provided by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Local Drunk Driving Laws and Consequences

Laws	District of Columbia	Maryland	Virginia
Legal Drinking Age	21	21	21
Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) 21 and Over	.08 BAC	.08 BAC for DUI .07 BAC or below for DWI	.08 BAC
BAC Test Refusal	License can be taken for refusing to take the test or for having a .08 BAC or higher.	License can be taken for refusing to take the test or for having a .08 BAC or higher. DUI convictions with refusals can result in an additional 2 month jail sentence/\$500.	License can be suspended one year for refusing to take the test or for having a .08 BAC or higher (with longer license suspension periods for subsequent).
1st Offense DUI/DWI	Fine: Up to \$1000 Jail: Up to 180 days Mandatory Ignition Interlock (for restricted license): All offenders with .08+ BAC. If BAC is .20 to .25: mandatory minimum ten days in jail. If BAC is above .25: Mandatory minimum 15 days in jail. If BAC is above .30: Mandatory minimum 20 days in jail.	DUI Fine: Up to \$1,000 Jail: Up to a year. Mandatory Ignition Interlock (for restricted license): Mandatory ignition interlock for all offenders with .08+ BAC. Mandatory ignition interlock for persons convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or for driving while impaired by alcohol if transporting a minor (under 16).	Fine: \$250 to \$2,500 Jail: Up to a year Revoke License: One year If BAC is from .15 to .20: Jail: Mandatory minimum 5 days in jail If BAC is above .20: Jail: Mandatory minimum 10 days in jail & mandatory ignition interlock Mandatory Ignition Interlock (for restricted license): All offenders with .08+ BAC First offense: with a BAC less than .15, interlock for 12 months (upon no motion of the offender) with no restrictions where offender drives.

Local Drunk Driving Laws and Consequences

Laws	District of Columbia	Maryland	Virginia
2nd Offense DUI/DWI	<p>Jail: Up to a year. If BAC is below .20: Mandatory minimum 10 days in jail</p>	<p>DUI Fine: Up to \$2,000 Jail: Up to two years with a mandatory minimum of 5 days DWI Fine: \$500 Jail: Up to a year License can be suspended or revoked for various lengths of time depending on circumstance.</p>	<p>Fine: Minimum of \$500. License Forfeiture: If within 10 years, 3 years. Jail: 4 month to 1 year. If within 5 years, mandatory minimum 20 days. Within 5-10 years mandatory minimum 10 days. With .15-.20 BAC, additional 10 days or 20 days with .20+ BAC.</p>
3rd Offense DUI/DWI	<p>Jail: Up to a year. If BAC is below .20: Mandatory minimum 15 days in jail.</p>	<p>DUI Fine: Up to \$3,000 MVA assessing 12 (demerit) points. Jail: Up to five years. License can be suspended or revoked for various lengths of time depending on the circumstance. DWI-Fine: Up to \$3,000; Jail: Up to 3 years; License suspension or revocation.</p>	<p>Fine: \$1,000 - \$2,500. License Forfeiture: If within 10 years, license revoked. Jail: 90 days - 6 months minimum. Within 10 years 90-day minimum including felony level offense with a maximum of 5 years. Vehicle seizure and forfeiture possible.</p>
4th Offense DUI/DWI	<p>Each additional offense adds 30 days mandatory jail time.</p>	<p>Same as 3rd offense except jail: Up to ten years.</p>	<p>Fine: \$1,000-\$2,500. License Forfeiture: (See 3rd Offense) Jail: Maximum 1 year if within 10 years, mandatory minimum 1 year. Vehicle seizure and forfeiture possible.</p>

Local Drunk Driving Laws and Consequences

Laws	District of Columbia	Maryland	Virginia
Adults Who Aid Under 21 years old in Obtaining Alcohol	Fine: \$1,000 Revoke License: Up to 180 days.	First offense: Fine up to \$5,000 Jail: Up to one year.	Fine: Up to \$2,500 and/or up to 1 year in jail. Drivers License Suspension: Up to one-year for purchasing for underage.

Impaired Driving Fact Sheet

- In the United States in 2024, 11,904 people died in alcohol-impaired traffic crashes.
- On average, one person dies in an alcohol-related traffic crash every 44 minutes.
- Drivers with a BAC level of .08 or higher involved in fatal crashes were 3 times more likely to have a prior conviction for driving while impaired. (2024)
- The highest intoxication rates (.08+) in fatal crashes in 2024 were recorded for drivers 21-24.
- About 30% of all traffic fatalities in the U.S. involved drunk drivers. (BAC .08 g/dl)
- 26% of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes had a BAC level of .08 g/dL or higher. (2024)

Information provided by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

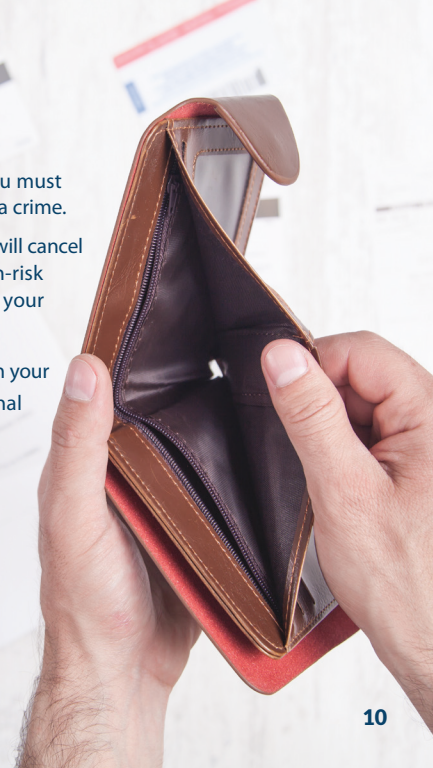


A Higher Price to Pay

In addition to the legal consequences of a DUI/DWI arrest, it will cost you personally, professionally and economically.

- You will pay \$5,000-\$20,000 for attorney fees, insurance rate increases, fines, towing, court costs and bonding fees.
- An average DUI/DWI arrest is financially equivalent to:
 - A down payment on a house
 - A trip to Europe for two
 - 1,818 movie tickets
 - 200 dinners for two
 - 8,000 cups of coffee

- When filling out a job application, you must say "YES" you have been convicted of a crime.
- Nine out of ten insurance companies will cancel your policy forcing you to find a high-risk insurance company, which increases your premiums by \$1,000-\$1,500 a year.
- While a DUI/DWI can be removed from your driving record, it stays on your criminal record for life.



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