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## **CONSTRUCTION TOPIC C211: DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

**Introduction:** Alcohol, drugs and driving don't mix. Anyone who drives while impaired increases their chance of accidents, injuries and death. These substances reduce a driver's reflexes, control and ability to recognize dangerous situations. These make the impaired driver dangerous. Even if someone doesn't appear or feel under the influence, alcohol and drugs produce a false sense of confidence in their abilities.

**There are many conditions** that can affect someone's ability to drive after one drink. Body weight, emotional state or physical condition can all affect how drugs or alcohol impact the driver. The best rule is still: If you're drinking or using controlled substances, don't drive!

**If a law enforcement officer** administers an alcohol test for driving under the influence of liquor and it shows an illegal concentration of 0.08 percent or more that person's driving privileges may be suspended immediately. If one refuses to submit to, or does not successfully complete, any tests when they are arrested for driving under the influence, they may lose their driving privileges.

- **Suspension:** Is the temporary removal of your driving privilege. This action may be taken after a review of your driving record. The suspension remains in effect until an application for reinstatement is made and approved.
- **Revocation:** Is the removal of your privilege to drive. The law requires it after a conviction of certain driving offenses. Once your revocation period has ended, your driving privileges may remain revoked until an investigation is completed. The investigation is to determine that all withdrawal actions have ended, and that all statutory requirements are met. You may be required to pay the appropriate application fee and a reinstatement fee, and you may be required to file a Certificate of Insurance. A written, vision, and road test may also be required

### **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) convictions include the following penalties:**

- **DUI:** You may be jailed, subjected to fines, and your license will be suspended. You'll also be required to undergo alcohol screening/education/treatment and may be ordered to perform community service
- **Extreme DUI:** Is the category of DUI applied to a person with an elevated alcohol concentration. You may be jailed, lose driving privileges with no eligibility for probation or suspended sentence, and subject to fines. You may be required to undergo screening/education/treatment and may be ordered to perform community service and equip any vehicle operated with a certified ignition interlock device
- **Aggravated DUI:** You may be sent to prison. In addition to any other penalties required by law, your license may be revoked for a substantial length of time
- **A certified ignition interlock device:** Is a breath alcohol testing instrument connected to the ignition and power system of a vehicle. The driver blows into the device before attempting to start the vehicle. If the driver's alcohol level is above a certain level, the vehicle won't start. While the vehicle is operating, the driver must blow into the device at random intervals

**Conclusion:** It should be obvious that DUI convictions can greatly complicate a person's life. Along with the court imposed fees, fines, and increased insurance rates, it can also affect one's ability to earn a living by not being able to drive.

**Employee Attendance:**(Names or signatures of personnel who are attending this meeting)

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