



For Teens

Illegal Possession

It is a civil violation* for any person under the age of 21 to possess liquor or imitation liquor except if it is within the scope of their employment or in their home in the presence of their parent.

Fines for illegal possession are as follows:

- 1st Offense: \$200 to \$400
- 2nd Offense: \$300 to \$600
- 3rd or Subsequent Offenses: \$600
- *Youths 17 years or younger are charged with the juvenile crime of illegal possession.*

Illegal Transportation of Liquor

No person under the age of 21 shall transport alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle except in the scope of their employment or at the request of their parent.

The penalties for illegal transportation are:

- 1st Offense: 30 day license suspension and a fine of no more than \$500;
- 2nd Offense: 90 day license suspension and a fine of not less than \$200 and no more than \$500; and
- 3rd Offense: One year license suspension and a fine of not less than \$400 and no more than \$500.

The Teen OUI Law (Zero Tolerance)

Any motor vehicle operator under 21 who operates or attempts to operate a motor vehicle with **any** alcohol in their blood* shall have their license suspended by the Secretary of State for one year. If they have a passenger under 21, an additional 180-day suspension will be imposed. Refusal to be tested will result in suspension of their operator's license for at least 18 months.

** Minors who test .08% or more are charged with the criminal offense of Operating Under the Influence, which results in even greater consequences.*