



Driving Drunk Can Kill Your Buzz and Your Wallet

We all know that driving drunk can cost you your life and your license. But did you ever stop to think about the cost to your wallet for a first time offense?

The costs are pretty sobering:

Fine	\$390
Penalty Assessment	\$666
State Restitution Fund	\$100
Alcohol-Abuse Education Fund	\$50
Blood or Breath-Testing Fee	\$37
Jail Cite-and-Release Fee	\$10
Driving/Alcohol-Awareness School [16x weeks minimum]	\$375
License Reissue Fee	\$100
Attorney Fees (average)	\$2500
+ Auto Insurance Increase	\$3,600 - \$6,600
[The Auto Club estimates \$2200 a year for 3 years]	

TOTAL COST: \$7,828 - \$10,828

Realize that these costs don't include injuries to yourself and/or others, medical bills, lost pay, vehicle damage or additional penalties for causing a crash. So the next time you're weighing the choice between spending money on a taxi or driving home drunk, remember how much it'll cost you if you make the wrong choice. Please have a Safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th!



"Your Honor, my client requests the opportunity to try a different story."

A golfer hooked his tee shot over a hill and onto the next fairway. Walking toward his ball, he saw a man lying on the ground, groaning with pain. "I'm an attorney," the wincing man said, "and this is going to cost you \$5000." "I'm sorry, I'm really sorry," the concerned golfer replied. "But I did yell 'fore'."

"I'll take it," the attorney said.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year approximately 5000 kids under the age of 21 die as result of underage drinking. In Florida, it is illegal for anyone under age 21 to drive with any alcohol in their system. Adults who allow underage drinking parties in their home can be arrested for violating the open house party statute. Growing up I knew a lot of kids with fake IDs who used them to buy alcohol and get into bars. But Florida isn't kidding around anymore with teens and young people under 21 using fake IDs. Now they can be charged with a felony. That's important for young people to know.