

**D**riving under the influence of alcohol is against the law in all fifty states. Every year thousands of people are killed or injured as a direct result of drinking and driving.

With the freedoms enjoyed by college students come many decisions. One of those decisions is whether you are going to consume alcohol. This decision is not easy since the use of alcohol is considered a "rite of passage" on most college campuses. Closely related to this decision is the choice you will have to make about drinking and driving.



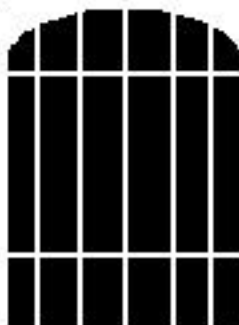
### **Getting Stopped**

You can be contacted by a police officer for many reasons while you are driving a vehicle. You could be stopped for speeding or running through a red light. There are numerous "equipment" violations that could cause you to be "pulled over."

**Driving**

### **Roadside Sobriety Maneuvers**

If you have been drinking, it will probably be obvious to the police officer, since they are trained to notice signs of intoxication. You will probably be asked to exit your vehicle to perform voluntary roadside maneuvers. The maneuvers cannot be "passed" by practicing, since the eye test picks out practiced alcoholics as well as beginning drinkers. If you don't do well on the maneuvers the officer will probably arrest you.



### **"You're Under Arrest"**

Once you are arrested, several things will happen. You will be handcuffed and placed in a police car. Colorado has an "Expressed Consent Law," which means that you are required to submit to a chemical analysis of your blood or breath. You are also going to be issued a misdemeanor summons to appear in court.

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### **Standard Penalties for a DUI Conviction**

- ✓ Spend up to 1 year in jail (mandatory for second offense)
- ✓ Court costs up to \$500
- ✓ Fines up to \$1000
- ✓ Up to 1 year on probation
- ✓ Mandatory alcohol education classes (from \$55 to \$600)
- ✓ Attorney's fees range from \$1000 (no trial) to \$5000 (with a trial)
- ✓ Increased insurance costs (you will pay more than three times current premiums for at least three years)
- ✓ Could lose your license for up to 1 year



**Influence**