

What is the IDP?

I want to talk a little about the Impaired Driver Program (IDP) through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Once you are convicted of an alcohol related violation in New York State, your license will be suspended or revoked by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. However, if you complete the New York State's Impaired Driver Program (IDP), you may be able to apply for a conditional license.

To begin the process, you should enroll in the Impaired Driver Program (IDP) at the motor vehicle office listed on the "Order of Suspension or Revocation" given to you by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This location will also where you will apply for a conditional license.

The legislature created the Impaired Driver Program (IDP) to point out high-risk behavior and hopefully to reduce the risk of an individual reoffending, where the individual has been convicted of an alcohol related offense.

If you have participated in the Impaired Driver Program (IDP) within the last five (5) years or have been convicted of another alcohol related driving violation within the last five (5) years, you will be ineligible to participate again.

Additionally, the Impaired Driver Program (IDP) has fees associated with it. Your enrollment application for the Impaired Driver Program (IDP) must be accompanied by a \$75 enrollment application fee. Thereafter, you will also be responsible to pay the program that conducts your Impaired Driver Program (IDP) classes, which generally coasts \$234 at the first class.

The Impaired Driver program consists of seven (7) different dates, and on each date, there is a two (2) to three (3) hour classroom session. The program includes approximately sixteen (16) hours of total instruction.

When all the Impaired Driver Program (IDP) requirements have been met, the program will provide you with a "Notice of Completion."

The Impaired Driver Program (IDP) is generally seen by the participants to obtain a post-conviction conditional license. When you enroll in the Impaired Driver Program (IDP), formerly called the Drunk Driving Program (DDP) in New York, you'll be eligible for the opportunity to get a post-conviction conditional license.

Additional information can be found on New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website under Impaired Driver Program (IDP). Should you need any help from a legal perspective, please feel free to contact my office, and we'll do everything we can to help you with your DWI charge and questions you might have about the Impaired Driver Program.

This is not legal advice and is for general informational purposes only. Please consult a lawyer if you're charged with a DWI.

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