

Social Implications of Drunk Driving

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Like it or not DUI or drunk driving has many social implications within society today. If you are convicted of driving under the influence here?s what you can expect from friends, family, co-workers and the like?

Most people who have not had first hand experience with DUI have the ?it won?t ever happen to me? attitude and as such are quick to judge the person who may be experiencing a DUI charge (regardless of guilt).

DUI is one of those crimes in society that people love to hate because it is highly publicized and reported by lobbying organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) who greatly distort the statistics.

While no one condones actually driving under the influence or breaking the law, the fact of the matter is that it is NOT illegal to drink and then drive. It is perfectly legal to drive so long as you are capable of driving safely and your blood alcohol level is below the legal limit (currently .08%). But MADD has been fighting very hard to make people believe that ?drunk driving? is a worse problem than it actually is in comparison to other dangerous driving activities like talking on a cell phone while driving, driving while texting (DWT), and even just plain old speeding.

The organization has done a lot of good by lowering the allowable BAC to this level but they continue to push for lower levels by distorting the actual statistics and pushing other serious traffic concerns to the back burner because they insist on keeping the spotlight on alcohol. By keeping the spotlight on alcohol they get more federal funding for the MADD organization.

As you can tell by now the social implications of a DUI charge and/or conviction are much more than just a misdemeanor record. You have powerful lobbying organizations shaping public attitude and creating the ?stigma? of getting a DUI. You?ll be dealing with this after

charged for drunk driving.

<http://www.stopdrinkingadvice.org/guide/>

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