

Driving Under the Influence Checkpoints



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The Irvine Police Department (IPD), in conjunction with the California Office of Traffic Safety, is committed to removing impaired drivers from our roadways. IPD conducts roving patrols and fixed checkpoints with the goal of identifying and arresting those motorists who choose to drive under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs.

Are DUI Checkpoints Effective?

Checkpoints can significantly lower the incidents of impaired driving. Research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found alcohol-related collisions and fatalities dropped by 20% when DUI checkpoints were used and publicized. Checkpoints have also been shown to detect drivers with suspended licenses, illegal weapons, stolen vehicles and other violations of the law. Because checkpoints are highly visible and publicized, they have the greatest deterrent value of all impaired driving enforcement.

Why Conduct DUI Checkpoints?

- On average, someone is killed by an impaired driver every 52 minutes.*
- Drivers involved in fatal crashes with blood alcohol concentrations of .08 or higher were six times more likely to have prior convictions for driving under the influence.*
- An estimated 3 in 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol or drug related collision at some time in their lives.**
- The primary goal of a DUI checkpoint is not to arrest people, but to deter motorists from committing DUI.

* *Alcohol Impaired Driving: 2013 Data*. (Dec. 2014). Washington, D.C.: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

** *The Economic and Societal Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes, 2010*. (May 2015 revised). Washington, D.C.: NHTSA.

What Are the Potential Impacts of a DUI Arrest?

- A DUI in California can cost as much as \$10,000 or more
- Two days in jail
- Three years probation
- Drivers license suspension
- DUI conviction on your record for 10 years
- Missed time off work

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