

DUI Arrest Checklist

Essential Steps to Take in the First 48 Hours After a DUI Arrest in Arizona

If you've been arrested for DUI in Arizona, time is critical. Use this checklist to protect your rights, preserve evidence, and take the first steps toward building a strong defense.



10 Critical Steps Within 24-48 Hours After a DUI Arrest

☐	Stay calm and cooperative	Do not resist or escalate the situation, but avoid volunteering information beyond your name and identification.
☐	Do not admit guilt or discuss your case	Politely decline to answer questions until you've spoken with an attorney.
☐	Document everything while it's fresh	Write down all details you remember about the stop, arrest, officer interactions, and any testing done.
☐	Preserve any potential evidence	Save dashcam footage, receipts, call logs, or texts that may help your case.
☐	List possible witnesses	Identify anyone who may have seen the stop, your behavior, or could verify your sobriety.
☐	Request an MVD hearing within 15 days	You must act quickly to challenge your driver's license suspension.
☐	Review Your Charges and Penalties	Understand whether you're facing a standard, extreme, or aggravated DUI, each carries different legal consequences.
☐	Keep all documents from law enforcement	This includes tickets, test results, court notices, and the Admin Per Se Affidavit.
☐	Stay off social media	Do not post anything related to your arrest or case online.
☐	Consult a DUI attorney as soon as possible	The sooner you act, the more options you may have to reduce or dismiss the charges.



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