



MEDIA RELEASE

For release October 19/09 - 4:00 p.m.

Impaired driving: Penalties and Consequences

Drivers are reminded that even one first-time impaired driving conviction will result in:

- more than \$20,000 in fines, fees, education, increased insurance premiums, legal costs, etc.
- the loss of a regular valid driver licence for two+ years in Ontario
- Ignition interlock restriction as part of the reinstatement process
- A criminal record

Impaired driving causing death or bodily harm

The maximum sentence for one conviction of impaired driving causing death is life in prison; the maximum sentence for impaired driving causing bodily harm is ten years.

On Land, Trails or Water

Impaired boaters/snowmobilers/ATVers lose their *driver's* licence and face *all* the same consequences for impaired driving

Impaired driving: warn range

Drivers are reminded that since May 1st consequences for drivers found in the warn range (from .05 to .08) are now recorded on a driver's record and the accompanying licence suspension ranges from 3 to 30 days; there may be other reinstatement conditions such as an alcohol treatment program and ignition interlock.

PLAN AHEAD, CALL HOME, TAKE A CAB, STAY OVERNIGHT, DESIGNATE A DRIVER, USE PUBLIC TRANSIT.

- 30 -

Visit www.arrivealive.org for more information.

Media Contact:
Anne Leonard
416-578-4829