

If you enter a guilty plea to: Impaired, Over 80, Refuse Breathalyser or Care and Control (Alcohol and/or drugs) (updated as of July 2, 2008):

On your first offence (minimum consequences):

1. You will lose your driver's license for a minimum of one full year, starting from the day you entered the guilty plea; the 3 months' automatic suspension you received when you were first arrested does not count. This suspension is valid across Canada and in quite a few States in the United States. You are suspended under the Criminal Code and the Highway Traffic Act.
2. You will have a criminal record.
3. You will have to pay a \$1,000.00 fine, MINIMUM. (*New* as of July 2, 2008)
4. Your car insurance will likely triple, at the very least.
5. In order to get your license back, you must complete two programs. The first one is called "Back on Track" (Pamphlet available). This program costs around \$500.00 and takes about 11 months to complete: you must register for it on the day you lost your license or shortly after. The phone number is (416) 595-6593. After this program is completed, you should get your license back BUT you cannot drive UNLESS you participate in a second program called the "Interlock Ignition Device Program" (Pamphlet available). Under that second program, a device MUST be installed on YOUR car or ANY car you intend to drive. This device is a small machine that is wired to your car and you must blow into this machine in order to be able to start your car. Everybody who wants to drive your car must blow into it as well, in order to start the car. That machine is installed for a minimum of one year and the cost is around \$1,600.00 per year: YOU are the one who has to pay for this machine to be installed and maintained. For information about this device, call 1-866-658-6374).