

## DWI Court Goals

- Increase public safety by reducing drunk driving
- Help participants remain clean and sober
- Reduce alcohol and drug related crime
- Reduce expensive incarceration costs

## DWI court services

- One-on-one judicial interaction
- Intensive probation supervision
- Substance abuse treatment, counseling services and support groups
- Alcohol and drug monitoring and testing
- Cognitive skills programming
- Community service
- Victim Impact Panel
- Education and employment assistance

## Funding

The program is funded through grants from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and other local and state support.

## Cost

Participants are required to pay fees for corrections services, participation, alcohol monitoring, and ignition interlock. Participants also may be required to pay restitution.

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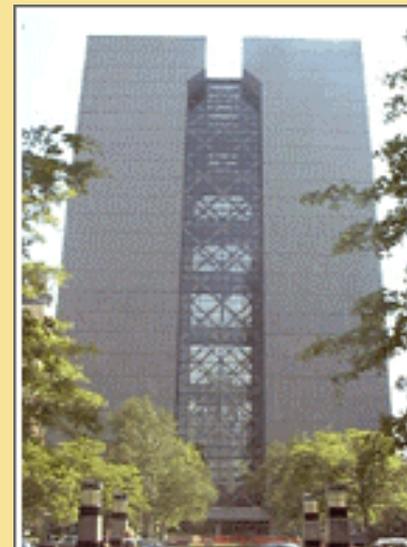
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## Adult DWI Court



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## What is the Adult DWI Court?

The Fourth Judicial District Adult DWI Court is designed for repeat DWI offenders who are striving to live a sober, crime-free, and satisfying lifestyle.

An eligible defendant who enters a guilty plea or is convicted of DWI has the option of participating in this 18 (or more) month program which is an alternative to traditional criminal probation.

DWI Court participants must make regular appearances before the designated DWI Court judge. The participants are subject to regular “visits” at home or work by law enforcement and probation and are placed on a curfew. The participants receive treatment, are tested for drugs and alcohol, and attend community self-help support and sponsorship meetings. Participants are also required to drive with an interlock device according to MN DPS requirements

DWI Court participants are offered every opportunity to succeed in the program. Successful completion and graduation from the DWI Court results in being discharged early from probation. Conversely, participants who fail to comply with treatment and other program requirements are subject to sanctions, including: STS, increased alcohol monitoring and drug testing, more frequent courtroom appearances, more intensive probation supervision, and periods of incarceration. A participant who fails in DWI Court is sent to jail. DWI Court is a zero tolerance program regarding alcohol use and drunk driving.

Entry into the DWI Court program is voluntary on the part of the defendant. Participants are required to pay a Correctional Service Fee and participant fees, in addition to fees for alcohol monitoring, ignition interlock, and restitution. Fines may also be imposed.

**DWI Court's purpose is to increase public safety, reduce repeat DWI offenses and reduce DWI-related accidents and deaths.**

## Who is eligible for DWI Court?

Participants are evaluated by the DWI Court team on a case-by-case basis. Program entry is strictly voluntary. The general requirements include:

- The participant must be a repeat DWI offender.
- The participant must be a Hennepin County resident and be 18 years of age or over.
- The participant must complete a chemical health assessment and must have a moderate or severe substance use disorder.
- Violent offenders are not eligible for DWI Court.

## Program Phases

Phases are the steps identified by the DWI Court Team through which participants must progress in order to complete the program. The minimum length of intensive program participation is 18 months. Phase I is the most intensive phase, lasting a minimum of sixty days; Phase II is a minimum of eight months and Phase III is a minimum of eight months. Phase IV is less intensive and lasts for a period of two years..

### Phase I: Pre-Trial Engagement & Orientation (60 Days)

- Attend court weekly
- Complete orientation
- Complete chemical health assessment
- Develop and adhere to treatment plan
- Complete Introduction to Recovery
- Attend recovery support groups as directed
- Meet with probation as directed
- Submit to random drug and alcohol testing as directed
- Adhere to curfew
- Submit to random, unannounced home checks

### Phase II: Treatment & Continuing Care (8 months)

- Attend court every other week
- Adhere to treatment or continuing care plan
- Attend recovery support groups as directed
- Participate in pro-social activities as directed
- Meet with probation as directed
- Submit to random drug and alcohol testing as directed

- Complete STS or community service
- Complete victim impact panel
- Prepare a relapse prevention plan
- Seek or secure employment/education/training
- Adhere to curfew
- Submit to random, unannounced home checks
- Develop payment plan for participant fees and other program costs
- Develop plan for driver's license reinstatement and ignition interlock

### Phase III: Sustained Recovery (8 months)

- Attend court every three weeks
- Adhere to treatment or continuing care plan
- Attend recovery support groups as directed
- Participate in pro-social activities as directed
- Complete cognitive-behavioral group or Study & Action, if required
- Meet with probation as directed
- Submit to random drug and alcohol testing as directed
- Maintain employment/education/training
- Satisfy fees and other program costs
- Adhere to curfew
- Submit to random, unannounced home checks
- Seek driver's license reinstatement and ignition interlock

### Phase IV: Administrative Probation (2 years)

- The participant must abide by the Administrative Probation Contract that is signed upon graduation.
- Upon completion of phase 4, the participant is discharged from probation.

### Continuing Care

- Continuing care services are available upon request.



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