



Legal Consequences – State of Alabama

Alcohol-related violations can be costly, both financially and educationally. Following are some of the consequences related to alcohol and other drug violations:

1. **DUI.** The cost of a single DUI offense, just if you get pulled over, can run between \$600 and \$2,100. If there is an accident, it can be much worse. DUI facts you should know:
 - You don't have to be driving to be convicted of DUI – being in physical control of the vehicle (sitting in the driver's seat with the keys in the ignition) is enough.
 - Even on a first DUI offense, jail time may be given, especially when there's an accident or a high blood-alcohol level.
2. **PUBLIC INTOXICATION.** Arrest is automatic for this offense, which covers any behavior in a public place that indicates intoxication, either alcohol- or drug-induced. The cost of a public-intoxication arrest is \$336. Offenders must also attend a drug- or alcohol-abuse program and pay the program cost.
3. **OPEN BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.** It is illegal in Florence to carry an open alcoholic beverage in public, or to drive a car in which there is an open alcoholic beverage. This ordinance includes cups, bottles, and cans, and applies equally to partygoers and patrons of bars. A violation could cost \$236.
4. **IMPROPER IDENTIFICATION BY A MINOR (Fake ID's).** Improperly identifying yourself can cost you \$336 and possible suspension of your license for 90 days.
5. **MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL.** If you're under 21 and you've got alcohol, it could cost you at least \$336. If you're over 21, read items 6 and 7 below.
6. **SALE OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS.** A first offense can cost \$686; a second offense could include jail time plus a fine.
7. **ADULT ALLOWING MINORS TO CONSUME OR POSSESS ALCOHOL AT AN OPEN HOUSE PARTY.** If cited for this offense, you must appear in court and can be fined up to \$661.
8. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE III.** Including members of the same household or a dating relationship, this offense typically results in the arrest of one or both of the parties involved and requires a mandatory court appearance.