

Western Kentucky University

Penalties and Sanctions

Penalties of Kentucky Law for Driving under the Influence (KRS 189)

State of Kentucky Sanctions

Sanctions of violation of state alcohol laws vary from a fine of \$10.00 to \$2,000.00, and or a sentence of forty eight hours to 12 months in jail, and suspension of one's drivers' license and or a requirement for community service or substance abuse treatment. In Kentucky, a blood alcohol level measurement of 0.08 percent alcohol or greater is sufficient for arrest or conviction for driving under the influence; intoxication does not have to be proved. The schedule of Kentucky state penalties for driving under the influence is summarized below.

First offense within 5 Years

- (1) Penalties- \$200 to \$500 fine and/or 48 hours to 30 days jail. Community labor of 48 hours to 30 days may be substituted for fine or jail. If aggravating circumstance present at commission of offense, there is a mandatory minimum of four days imprisonment.
- (2) Cost and Fees- Court costs, DUI service fee, treatment program fee, county fees and state fees.
- (3) Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment Program- 90 days.
- (4) License Revoked- 30-120 days (or until defendant reaches age 18, whichever is longer). May apply for hardship license after minimum suspension period expires.

Second offense within 5 Years

- (1) Penalties- \$350 to \$500 fine and 7 days to 6 months in jail and the court may order 10 days to 6 months community labor. Must serve a minimum of jail and/or community labor. If aggravating circumstance present mandatory minimum term of imprisonment shall be 14 days.
- (2) Cost and Fees- Court costs, DUI service fee, treatment program fee, county fees and state fees.
- (3) Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment Program- 1 year
- (4) License Revoked- 12 months to 18 months (or until defendant reaches age 18, whichever is longer). May apply for hardship license after minimum suspension period expires.

Third offense within 5 Years

- (1) Penalties- \$500 to \$1000 fine and 30 days to 12 months jail and court may order 10 days to 12 months community labor. Must service a minimum of jail and/or community labor. If aggravating circumstance present mandatory minimum term of imprisonment shall be 60 days.
- (2) Court costs and fees- court costs, DUI service fee, treatment program fee, county fees and state fees.
- (3) Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment Program- 1 year
- (4) License revoked- 24 months to 36 months. May apply for hardship license after minimum suspension period expires.

Fourth or Subsequent offense within 5 Years

- (1) Penalties- 1 to 5 years (class D felony). Must serve 120 days. If aggravating circumstances mandatory minimum term of imprisonment shall be 240 days.
- (2) Cost and Fees- Court cost, DUI service fee, treatment program fee, county fees and state fees.
- (3) Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment Program- 1 year
- (4) License Revoked- 5 years. No hardship license
- (5) License plate impoundment or installation of ignition interlock devise.

Federal Penalties and Sanctions for Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance

21 U.S.C. 844(a)

1st conviction: Up to 1 year imprisonment and fined at least \$1,000 but not more than \$100,000, or both.

After 1 prior drug conviction: At least 15 days in prison, not to exceed 2 years and fined at least \$2,500 but not more

Than \$250,000, or both. Two or more prior drug convictions: At least 90 days in prison, not to exceed 3 years and fined at least \$5,000 but not more than \$250,000 or both. Special sentencing provision for possession of crack cocaine: Mandatory at least 5 years in prison, not to exceed 20 years and fined up to \$250,000, or both, if:

(a) 1st conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceed 5 grams.

(b) 2nd crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceed 3 grams.

(c) 3rd or subsequent crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds 1 gram.

21 U.S.C. 853(a)(2) and 881(a)(7)

Forfeiture of personal and real property used to possess or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance if that offense is punishable by more than 1 year imprisonment. (See special sentencing provisions re: crack)

21 U.S.C. 881(a)(4)

Forfeiture of vehicles, boats, aircraft or any other conveyance used to transport or conceal a controlled substance.

21 U.S.C. 844a

Civil fine of up to \$10,000 (pending adoption of final regulations).

21 U.S.C. 853a

Denial of Federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses, up to 1 year for first offense, up to 5 years for second and subsequent offenses.

18 U.S.C. 922(g)

Ineligible to receive or purchase a firearm.

Miscellaneous

Revocation of certain Federal licenses and benefits, e.g., pilot licenses, public housing tenancy, etc., are vested within the authorities of individual Federal agencies.

Additional Federal drug trafficking penalties are listed below. Additional state penalties and sanctions may apply.

A listing of some of the federal penalties for certain drug-related offenses, as summarized by the federal government, can be found at the [U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration web site](http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/agency/penalties.htm).

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DRUG/SCHEDULE	QUANTITY	PENALTIES	QUANTITY	PENALTIES
Cocaine (Schedule II)	500 - 4999 gms mixture	First Offense: Not less than 5 yrs, and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$2 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual	5 kgs or more mixture	First Offense: Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not less than 20 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$20 million if not an individual. 2 or More Prior Offenses: Life imprisonment
Cocaine Base (Schedule II)	5-49 gms mixture		50 gms or more mixture	
Fentanyl (Schedule II)	40 - 399 gms mixture		400 gms or more mixture	
Fentanyl Analogue (Schedule I)	10 - 99 gms mixture		100 gms or more mixture	
Heroin (Schedule I)	100 - 999 gms mixture		1 kg or more mixture	
LSD (Schedule I)	1 - 9 gms mixture		10 gms or more mixture	
Methamphetamine (Schedule II)	5 - 49 gms pure or 50 - 499 gms mixture		50 gms or more pure or 500 gms or more mixture	
PCP (Schedule II)	10 - 99 gms pure or 100 - 999 gms mixture	100 gm or more pure or 1 kg or more mixture		

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Other Schedule I & II drugs (and any drug product containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid)	Any amount	First Offense: Not more that 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 yrs, or more than Life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than life. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	1 gm or more	
Other Schedule III drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	30 to 999 mgs	
All other Schedule IV drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 3 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 6 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual.
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	Less than 30 mgs	
All Schedule V drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual, \$250,000 if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 2 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual, \$500,000 if not an individual.

Federal Trafficking Penalties - Marijuana

DRUG	QUANTITY	1 st OFFENSE	2 nd OFFENSE
Marijuana	1,000 kg or more mixture; or 1,000 or more plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not less than 10 years, not more than life If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not less than 20 years, not more than life If death or serious injury, mandatory life

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$20 million if other than an individual
Marijuana	100 kg to 999 kg mixture; or 100 to 999 plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years • If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life • Fine not more than \$2 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not less than 10 years, not more than life • If death or serious injury, mandatory life • Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual
Marijuana	more than 10 kgs hashish; 50 to 99 kg mixture more than 1 kg of hashish oil; 50 to 99 plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not more than 20 years • If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life • Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not more than 30 years • If death or serious injury, mandatory life • Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than individual
Marijuana	1 to 49 plants; less than 50 kg mixture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not more than 5 years • Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million other than individual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not more than 10 years • Fine \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than individual
Hashish	10 kg or less		
Hashish Oil	1 kg or less		