DUI Law Firm Denver Addresses Rising Concerns Over Colorado Express Consent Law Penalties

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DUI Law Firm Denver has announced expanded educational initiatives to help Colorado residents understand the severe consequences of refusing chemical tests under the state's Express Consent law, which carries automatic penalties that many drivers fail to comprehend until facing charges.

Colorado's Express Consent law mandates that drivers who refuse breathalyzer or blood tests face immediate license revocation for one year on first refusal, with penalties increasing substantially for subsequent violations. The law applies to all drivers operating vehicles on Colorado roads, regardless of whether they ultimately face DUI conviction.

"Many Colorado drivers remain unaware that refusing a chemical test triggers automatic penalties separate from and additional to any DUI charges," stated Emilio De Simone, managing attorney at DUI Law Firm Denver. "The Express Consent law creates a situation where refusal itself becomes a violation with serious consequences, including mandatory ignition interlock devices and extended license suspensions that can

impact employment and daily life for years."

The firm reports seeing increased cases involving Express Consent violations, particularly among out-of-state visitors unfamiliar with Colorado's strict enforcement policies. Unlike some states where refusal might be viewed as exercising constitutional rights, Colorado law treats test refusal as an independent offense with predetermined penalties.

DUI Attorneys at DUI Law Firm Denver emphasize that Express Consent violations complicate defense strategies significantly. The automatic nature of penalties means drivers face immediate consequences before any court proceedings begin. License revocation occurs through administrative channels at the Department of Motor Vehicles, separate from criminal court processes.

The firm notes that Express Consent penalties apply even when drivers are later found not guilty of DUI charges. This creates situations where individuals who might have successfully defended against impaired driving allegations still face significant consequences from the refusal itself.

Recent enforcement data shows Denver metro area law enforcement agencies have increased focus on Express Consent violations, with officers now required to clearly explain the law and consequences during traffic stops. However, the firm observes that stress and confusion during arrest situations often prevent drivers from fully understanding these warnings.

The educational initiative includes information about the seven-day deadline to request DMV hearings following Express Consent violations. Missing this narrow window results in automatic license suspension, making immediate legal consultation critical for protecting driving privileges.

Beyond license suspension, Express Consent violations trigger requirements for SR-22 insurance, substantially increasing coverage costs for multiple years. Combined with ignition interlock device installation and monitoring fees, the financial impact often exceeds the penalties associated with DUI convictions themselves.

DUI Law Firm Denver specializes in defending individuals charged with DUI and related offenses throughout the Denver metropolitan area. The firm provides comprehensive legal representation including DMV hearings, criminal court proceedings, and negotiations with prosecutors. Their practice encompasses DUI defense, drug crime cases, and other criminal matters, with attorneys experienced in challenging chemical test evidence and police procedures. The firm maintains expertise in Colorado's complex DUI laws and offers free consultations to discuss defense strategies for those facing impaired driving charges.

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