

3. Driving While Suspended — Consequences

Vehicles and off-road vehicles will be immediately impounded for a minimum of 30 days for driving while the person is suspended or prohibited from driving, or if the person is disqualified from operating an off-road vehicle.

The vehicle will be impounded even if it is owned or registered by someone other than the operator at the time of the offence. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the user is not suspended, prohibited or disqualified. Vehicle owners will be responsible for the costs of towing and storage, plus an impoundment fee, which must be paid before a vehicle is released.

Additional consequences of driving while suspended can include:

- Imprisonment for up to five years and/or fines of up to \$2,000.
- A non-appealable licence prohibition under *The Criminal Code*, which means that a work licence cannot be obtained.
- A lifetime driver's licence suspension under *The Highway Traffic Act*.
- Additional driver's licence premiums once the driver's licence is reinstated.