

Best Practices of Impaired Driving Laws in Canada

The following chart identifies jurisdictions that have the strongest impaired driving programs in the country. It is found within the text of MADD Canada’s *Rating the Provinces and Territories: The 2006 Report Card*.

- Manitoba had among the best programs in many areas. Québec, the Northwest Territories, and Newfoundland and Labrador all had several highly-rated initiatives.
- Ontario, which ranked second overall, had above average programs in most categories, but few leading initiatives.
- In some areas, such as the Licence Abstract Program, many jurisdictions had strong programs.
- In contrast, only Manitoba has a vehicle forfeiture program and a proposed .00% BAC limit for drivers with less than five years driving experience.
- Similarly, only Québec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan authorize the police to demand Standard Field Sobriety Testing from suspected impaired drivers.

CHART III: 2006 BEST PRACTICES

| SELECTED ISSUES | JURISDICTIONS |
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| <p>Licensing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Driving Age • Graduated Licensing Program • .00% BAC Limit For Young (<21) and Novice (< 5 years) Drivers • Enforcement of Graduated Licensing | <p>BC, NB, NL, NS, ON, and QC NT, followed by BC and AB MB, followed by BC and AB</p> <p>MB, followed by ON and then AB</p> |
| <p>Police Enforcement Powers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authority to Stop Vehicles, Demand Documentation and Establish Sobriety Checkpoints • Authority to Demand Standard Field Sobriety Testing | <p>BC, MB, NT, NU, ON, and QC</p> <p>QC, followed by MB and then SK</p> |
| <p>Licence Suspensions and Revocations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-Hour Licence Suspensions for Unfitness • 7-14 Day (Short-term) Administrative Licence Suspensions • 90-Day Administrative Licence Suspensions | <p>NT and NU MB and NL, followed by SK AB, NT, PE, and SK</p> |
| <p>Vehicle and Remedial Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol Interlock Programs • Vehicle Impoundment and Immobilization • Vehicle Forfeiture • Remedial Programs | <p>QC, followed by YK and then AB YK, followed by NL and then PE MB NL, followed by MB and QC</p> |

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