

## Texas Alcohol Sanctions Update

Violation	Texas Statute	First Offense Sanctions	Subsequent Offense Sanctions
Minor in Possession (MIP)	TABC § 106.05	Fine up to \$500; 8–12 hrs community service; 30-day license suspension; Mandatory awareness course.	3rd Offense (if 17+): Fine of \$500–\$2,000; up to 180 days in jail; 180-day license suspension.
DUI by a Minor (Any Amount)	TABC § 106.041	Fine up to \$500; 20–40 hrs community service; 60-day license suspension; Mandatory awareness course.	3rd Offense: Fine of \$500–\$2,000; 40–60 hrs community service; 180-day license suspension.
Purchase/Attempt to Purchase	TABC § 106.02	Fine up to \$500; 8–12 hrs community service; 30-day license suspension.	Same escalation as MIP.
Providing Alcohol to a Minor	TABC § 106.06	Class A Misdemeanor: Fine up to \$4,000 and/or up to 1 year in jail; 180-day automatic license suspension.	Penalties may increase if the minor is injured or killed.
Public Intoxication (PI)	TPC § 49.02	Class C Misdemeanor: Fine up to \$500. No jail time (but may be held until sober).	Enhanced (TPC § 12.43): If 3 prior PI/Disorderly Conduct convictions in 2 years, upgrades to Class B (up to 180 days jail).
Open Container (in Vehicle)	TPC § 49.031	Class C Misdemeanor: Fine up to \$500. Knowing possession of an open container in the passenger area (even if parked).	Aggravated DWI: If an open container is found during a DWI arrest, the minimum jail time increases to 6 days.
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	TPC § 49.04	Class B Misdemeanor: 72 hrs to 180 days jail; Fine up to \$2,000; License suspension (90 days to 1 year).	2nd Offense: Class A Misdemeanor; 30 days to 1 year jail; Fine up to \$4,000. 3rd Offense: 3rd Degree Felony (2–10 years).
DWI with High BAC (0.15+)	TPC § 49.04(d)	Class A Misdemeanor: Up to 1 year in jail; Fine up to \$4,000.	Often requires a mandatory Ignition Interlock Device (IID) for all subsequent driving.
DWI with Child Passenger (<15)	TPC § 49.045	State Jail Felony: 180 days to 2 years in state jail; Fine up to \$10,000.	Enhanced penalties if the child is injured (Intoxication Assault).