

## ? What happens if I miss a session?

- You have to come to every session.
- If you miss a session you will need to do a 'catch up' session before you can carry on with the group.
- If you miss more than two sessions you will have to start the programme again.
- If you miss a session without an acceptable reason action will be taken by your case manager that may lead to you going back to court.

## ? Do I have any rights whilst I am on the programme?

- You will be treated fairly and equally and you are expected to behave just as fairly towards other people. Disrespectful behaviour such as racism or sexism will be challenged.

## Diversity

West Mercia Probation Area recognises that minority ethnic offenders, those with a disability or other special needs may have additional issues. These issues will be fully addressed in order that they get maximum benefit from the Drink Impaired Drivers Programme.

You can make a complaint if you feel that you have been treated unfairly or unreasonably. You should try to talk about this to your case manager first or to their manager. If you are not satisfied with the response you get, you can write to the Chief Officer at:

National Probation Service  
West Mercia Area  
Stourbank House  
90 Mill Street  
Kidderminster  
Worcs DY11 6XA

### Programme tutors are based at:

Programmes Unit Telford  
**01952 299366**

Programmes Unit Worcester  
**01905 613822**

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# Drink Impaired Drivers' Programme

## Information for Offenders



## What is it?

- One of the Probation Service's group work programmes for offenders, which run throughout the country.
- Attending the Drink Impaired Drivers' Programme is a requirement of a community rehabilitation order or licence from prison.
- The programme aims to help you avoid further drink drive offences.
- Your case manager has decided that this programme is right for you, and you are willing to take part.



## How will it help me?

By giving you the facts and making you more aware of how to tackle your problems in other ways.

By the end of the programme you will have had an opportunity to talk about:

- How drinking alcohol like beer, wine, and spirits affects your body, and makes you a less able driver.
- Your thoughts and feelings about this type of offence.



- How your drinking and driving can affect other people.
- Why you acted in the way you did.
- How your feelings can rule the way you think and act.
- When and how much you drink and why you drink.
- The choices that are open to you rather than drinking and driving.



## What will I have to do?

- Attend one to one sessions with your case manager before you start the group.
- Go to all 15 sessions of the group. Each weekly session lasts for two hours. You will be told where the group will be held; this will usually be on Saturday mornings.
- Attend a meeting with your case manager and the programme tutor after you have finished the group. Your progress will be reviewed and further work that you need to do will be agreed.
- Attend further one to one sessions with your case manager.



## What are the rules?

There are rules for each group, which will include:

- Arrive on time.
- Attend alcohol, drug and solvent free.
- Treat staff and other members of the group with consideration and respect.
- Take part in the work of the group.
- Follow the instructions of the programme tutors.



## What happens if I am ill or cannot attend?

- You must tell your case manager or the programme tutor as soon as possible. If you are ill you must get a doctor's sick note and give this to your case manager within five working days.

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