



DWI Glossary of Terms

Aggravated DWI	Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated – Misdemeanor or Felony. Operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .18% or more. Violates Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) 1192.2(a).
ARIDE	Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement – Advanced training for police officers in the detection of drivers impaired by substances other than alcohol.
AUO	Aggravated Unlicensed Operation – Misdemeanor or Felony. Where an operator who has had her license suspended continues to operate a motor vehicle thereby amassing additional suspensions.
CDL	Commercial Driver’s License.
Chemical Test	A test to determine the operator’s blood alcohol content by analyzing a sample of the operator’s blood, breath, saliva or urine.
CMV	Commercial Motor Vehicle
Common Law DWI	DWI VTL 1192.3 Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.
DCJS	Division of Criminal Justice Services – state agency which includes the OPCA.
DDP	Drinking Driver Program. Old name for the IDP – Impaired Driving Program.
DRE	Drug Recognition Expert – A police officer with enhanced training who can perform an evaluation on an operator suspected of violating VTL 1192. They may testify as expert witnesses; no FRYE determination is necessary.
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles.
DWAI (Alcohol)	Driving While Ability Impaired by Alcohol -a violation unless committed in a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) when it becomes a misdemeanor. Violates VTL 1192.1.
DWAI (Drugs)	Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs – Misdemeanor or Felony. Violates Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) 1192.4.
DWAI (Drugs and Alcohol)	Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs and Alcohol – Misdemeanor or Felony. Violates Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) 1192.4a.
DWI	Driving While Intoxicated – Misdemeanor or Felony. Violates Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) 1192.2 and/or VTL 1192.3.
GTSC	Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee - coordinates traffic safety activities in the state and shares useful, timely information about traffic safety and the state’s highway safety grant program. The Committee is comprised of thirteen agencies who have missions related to transportation and safety.
IDP	Impaired Driver Program – a course run by DMV for drivers convicted of a VTL 1192 charge.
IID	Ignition Interlock Device – a device connected to the ignition system of a vehicle which requires the operator to blow into a sensor to determine the presence or absence of alcohol on the operator’s breath, using infrared technology, to prevent the vehicle from starting if alcohol is detected.
Installer	The company who installs and maintains an IID in a defendant’s vehicle.
ITSMR	Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research - a not-for-profit, university-based research center dedicated to improving highway safety.
JOL	Judicial Outreach Liaison.
Monitor	The entity who monitors a defendant’s compliance with IID requirements. It could be Probation, Sheriff, Stop-DWI, the District Attorney’s office or other entity as designated in the county plan.
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - a federal agency of the United States government tasked with upholding regulatory safety standards in automobile manufacturing and the highway transportation system. It is a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation.
OASAS	Office of Addiction Services and Supports. The single designated state agency responsible for the coordination of state-federal relations in the area of addiction services. Formerly known as the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.
OPCA	Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives – administers the IID program statewide.
OPP	Office of Policy and Planning.
PCCL	Pre Conviction Conditional License (Pronounced “Pickle”) – a limited use license that DMV may give to a motorist who has had his/her license suspended for 30 days or more.
Per Se DWI	DWI VTL 1192.2 Operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .08% or more.
Scofflaw	License suspension arising from failure to answer a traffic ticket or failure to pay a fine arising from a traffic ticket.
Scoffs	Number of suspensions issued to a driver.
SFST	Standardized Field Sobriety Tests – a series of divided attention tests administered by a police officer to an operator suspected of violating VTL 1192.
TSLED	Traffic Safety Law Enforcement and Disposition system - Maintained by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), TSLED is designed as a ticket accountability system, tracking traffic tickets from the time they are issued until they are adjudicated in the courts. TSLED covers all areas of the state, with the exception of New York City.
TVB	Traffic Violations Bureau - processes tickets for non-criminal moving traffic violations issued in the 5 boroughs of New York City.
UTT	Uniform Traffic Ticket – a short form accusatory instrument used to charge a violation of the vehicle and traffic law.
Vendor	The entity that manufactures and sells an Ignition Interlock Device.
VTL	Vehicle and Traffic Law.