

WHAT IS DUI COURT?

DUI Court is an accountability and problem solving court dedicated to changing the behavior of high-risk DUI offenders arrested for DUI. The goal of DUI Court is to protect public safety by using the highly successful drug court model that uses accountability and long-term treatment to address the root cause of impaired driving: Alcohol and other substance abuse. The Spokane Municipal DUI Court is a voluntary program consisting of 5-phases and designed with specific objectives aimed at keeping the participant alcohol-drug free and reducing recidivism.

*Recovery is not for
people who need it;
it's for people who
want it.*

Mission Statement

The mission of the Spokane Municipal DUI Court is to help repeat DUI offenders by bringing about a change in behavior that will end DUI recidivism, stop the abuse of alcohol and drugs and protect the public. This will be accomplished by utilizing a non-adversarial team approach, enhanced supervision, the use of best practices and customized treatment plans that support offender rehabilitation, self-efficacy and individual accountability.

For more information go to
www.dwicourts.org the website for the
National Center for DWI Courts.

Eligibility Criteria

The Spokane Municipal DUI Court is designed to address HIGH RISK and HIGH NEED offenders. When determining whether an offender is high risk, the following indicators should be looked for:

- Offense is the second or third within the last seven years.
- Offender has a cluster of DUI's outside of the seven year period.
- Offender has a failed or completed deferred prosecution.
- Offender has other alcohol or drug related offences.

*Some first offenders may qualify based on Risk Assessment and Evaluation.

Ineligibility Criteria

- Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been previously convicted of a serious violent offense or sex offense defined in RCW 9.94A.030
- Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been previously convicted of a serious violent offense or sex offense defined in RCW 2.30.030 (3)
- See handbook for more detailed info on disqualifiers
<https://my.spokanecity.org/courts/municipal-court/therapeutic/>

What are the benefits of participating in DUI Court?

Those who graduate from DUI Court are more likely to maintain stable employment, reunite with family members, discover new talents and interests, seek higher education, and most importantly, develop the tools necessary to break the cycle of drinking or using drugs and landing in jail. Features of DUI Court include:

- Shorter probationary term (program may be completed in a minimum term of 18 months compared to 24-60 months)
- Reduction in jail time
- Quicker access into alcohol/drug treatment and Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- Developing current and future plans for transportation, childcare, employment, educational and financial
- Reduced fines and fees
- Built-in incentives to keep participants motivated.

How do I get into DUI Court?

Thoroughly review the Spokane Municipal DUI Court Participant Handbook with your attorney or Public Defender. Your attorney can refer you to DUI Court using an electronic referral located on the Municipal Court website. <https://my.spokanecity.org/courts/municipal-court/therapeutic/>

Judge
Honorable Kristin O'Sullivan

Prosecutor
Joni Morse

Public Defenders
Bob King and Bridget Condon

DUI Court Probation Officer
Travis Lindsley

DUI Court Law Enforcement Officers
Mike Thomas and Matthew Breese

Treatment Representative
Patricia Shropshire and Sue Hernandez
(New Horizon Care Center)

For more information contact:
Travis Lindsley
DUI Court Probation Officer
Email: tlindsley@spokanecity.org
Phone: 509-622-5815
Fax: 509-622-5813

Spokane Municipal DUI Court

