

## Responsible Driver Program

### The Program

The Responsible Driver Program is a remedial program for drinking drivers. Every Canadian province and many jurisdictions throughout the world have similar programs and they have been shown to reduce the risk of repeat alcohol-related accidents and convictions. BC is partnering with Stroh Health Care to deliver the program province-wide.

### Participants

The program applies to a broad range of drinking drivers, consisting of both criminally convicted drinking drivers and drivers with multiple Motor Vehicle Act drinking driving prohibitions whose incidents occur on or after June 15, 2005. These include persons with:

- Any alcohol-related criminal conviction;
- Two Administrative Driving Prohibitions (ADP) within 5 years;
- Three 24-hour prohibitions in 5 years; or
- Any combination of three 24-hour prohibitions or ADPs in 5 years.

In addition, all convicted drinking drivers whose licence has been suspended indefinitely can take the program if they want to reapply for their driver's licence, as long as they have served a minimum of 5 years. Other drivers may be referred at the discretion of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, based on their alcohol-related driving records.

### How the Program Works

The Superintendent will send a letter to anyone who is required to participate in the program. Clients must complete the program as a condition of keeping their driver's licence or before they can regain their driving privileges. After paying the \$880.00 program fee, participants will attend a screening interview with a counsellor and subsequently be directed to one of three programs that best meets their needs. Options include:

- A one-day education session in a classroom setting.
- A 16-hour group counselling program, scheduled over a 3 month period.
- A community-based alcohol treatment program.

Drivers are assessed at the end, with the results considered by the Superintendent in reaching a decision on the client's fitness to drive. Some drivers will be allowed to apply for a full privilege driver's licence, while others will be required to have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle, or be found unfit to drive and not permitted to obtain a driver's licence. If someone is denied a driver's licence an administrative appeal is available.

### For more information . . .

- visit the Office of Superintendent of Motor Vehicles website at [www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/osmv](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/osmv)
- visit the ICBC website at [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com) for information on driver licensing.