The Responsible Driver Program (RDP) is a remedial program for drivers with alcohol or drug related driving prohibitions. Every Canadian province and many jurisdictions throughout the world have similar programs and they have been shown to reduce the risk of repeat alcohol or drug related collisions and convictions. British Columbia is partnering with Stroh Health Care to deliver the program province-wide.

**Participants**

The program is applied to drivers with alcohol or drug related prohibitions, consisting of both criminally convicted impaired drivers and drivers with one or more Motor Vehicle Act alcohol-related driving prohibitions.

The following events on a driving record may result in a driver being referred into the program:

- one impaired-driving-related Criminal Code or Motor Vehicle Act (sec. 224 or 226) conviction
- one 90-day Immediate Roadside Prohibition (IRP)
- one 30-day IRP
- one Administrative Driving Prohibition (ADP) within five years
- three 24-hour prohibitions in five years
- any combination of three 24 hour prohibitions and/or IRPs within five years

Other drivers may be referred at the discretion of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, based on their driving records.

A driver can request a reconsideration of a referral to the RDP. Details on this process can be found at the RoadSafetyBC website at www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/roadafetybc/disputes.

**How the Program Works**

The Superintendent will send a letter to anyone who is referred to 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 undergo a screening interview. An initial assessment will subsequently be used to determine which of the two programs the driver will participate in:

- A 8-hour education session in a classroom setting.
- A 16-hour group counselling program, scheduled over an eight week period.

The screening interview, and subsequent assessment, may also be used by the Superintendent for the purpose of making a referral to the Ignition Interlock Program.

Drivers may also be assessed at the end of the program, with the results sent to the Superintendent. Based on the results of any RDP assessment and their driving record, drivers will either be allowed to apply for a full privilege driver's licence, be required to keep or 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 RoadSafetyBC website at [www.gov.bc.ca/roadatetybc](http://www.gov.bc.ca/roadatetybc)
- visit the ICBC website at [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com) for information on driver licensing.