

THE DRIVE LEGAL PROGRAM *FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS*

HOW WILL THE PROGRAM HELP ME?

- ▶ Your case is diverted from court and you don't have to appear before a judge and prosecutor. In court, the outcome is unsure - one never knows what is going to happen and the Drive Legal Program offers certainty, predictability and a structured method of resolving your past offenses.

- ▶ You can pay your fines through performing hours of community service.

- ▶ Successful program completion may result in reduced points on your driving record, which in turn [may](#) help lower the cost of your car insurance.

- ▶ Stops the vicious "DWLS cycle": Many persons continue to drive with a suspended license because they are caught in a cycle of multiple fines they are unable to pay and/or court appearances they failed to keep.

HOW DO I GET INTO THE PROGRAM?

There are three ways to participate in the Drive Legal Program:

- o You may volunteer to enroll by attending a report session where a Drive Legal counselor will explain the benefits of the program. Everyone who attends these sessions has already been "pre-qualified" and their eligible traffic citations meet the criteria for enrollment in the program.
- o You may be court-ordered by a judge to enroll in the program.
- o You may walk-in to any of our four locations and ask to speak with a Drive Legal counselor at:

REG, Justice Building – Mon-Fri 9:00 - 4:00
1351 N.W. 12 Street Room 122, windows 14, 15, and 16
Miami, Fl. 33125

North Dade Justice Center – Tuesdays only 9:00 - 4:00
15555 Biscayne Blvd. Room 217
Miami, Fl. 33160

Hialeah – Tuesdays only 9:00 – 4:00
11 E. 6th Street
Hialeah, Fl. Window 12

South Dade Justice Center – Thursday and Friday only 9:00 – 4:00
10710 S.W. 211th Street
Miami, Fl. 33189 Room 1305

WHAT TO EXPECT

You will initially meet with counselors on a one-on-one basis to review your traffic cases and outstanding fines and to discuss available options. Once you have chosen the options that best suit your needs you will be given three months to complete your program assignment.

There is a cost, but a BIG savings :

Entry into the Program is \$150 to cover cost of operations. To many offenders, this cost is minor compared to other costs associated with numerous unpaid tickets and the DWLS charge itself, which could result in jail time.

What happens when I complete the program?

You will be given a D-6 clearance for all of the cases that were included in the program. The Drive Legal counselor will update the Traffic Information System with your completion information and any unadjudicated criminal traffic cases will be set for court.

It will be your responsibility to take your D-6 clearance to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to reinstate your driver's license. You must also attend future court dates to avoid re-suspension of your driver's license.

What if I do not complete the program on time?

Your case will be set on a judge's report calendar where you will be given an opportunity to explain why you failed to complete and you may be given another chance to enroll.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need assistance to participate in a court proceeding, program or service, please contact the ADA Coordinator, at:

(305) 548-5363 (Office)
(305) 375-2006 (Voice mail)
(305) 349-7174 (TDD)
(305) 350-6205 (Fax)