Guide to Drunk In Charge

Our specialist motoring solicitors have an enviable success rate at dealing with matters of this type. You do not have to be driving to be guilty of being drunk in charge. The law states that it is an offence being in charge of a vehicle on a road (or public place) when unfit through drink or drugs or over the limit.

"In charge" is not a very precise concept. There must be proof of some connection between the person who is accused and the vehicle. A typical scenario would be where someone is asleep in their car and the keys are in the ignition and the person is found to be under the influence of alcohol. However, a person will be found not guilty of being "in charge" if he can demonstrate that there was no likelihood of him driving whilst he remained unfit to drive. Our specialist motoring solicitors can help you argue that there was no likelihood in such a case and thereby reduce the chances of you being found guilty of being drunk in charge.

The Penalty
If you are found guilty of being drunk in charge the Magistrates must impose ten penalty points on your licence unless there are special reasons or they may disqualify you from driving for any period and/or until a driving test has been passed. If the offence is serious enough they can send you to prison for up to three months. We therefore advise you strongly to seek quality legal advice from our specialist motoring solicitors if you are accused of a being drunk in charge offence.

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