

# Eradication of Drinking and Driving

The number of fatal traffic accidents caused by drinking and driving has been decreasing year after year, but even so, there is still no end to such accidents.

**Drinking and driving is an extremely malicious and dangerous crime.**

Let's make sure each and every one of us has the strong will "not to drink and drive or let others do so," and to eradicate such driving.

## 1 Administrative Measures against Drinking and Driving

### **Drunk driving (\*1)**

Penalty points: **35 pts.**

Revocation of the driver's license: disqualified period of 3 years (\*2, 3)

### **Driving under the influence of alcohol**

- In the event that breath alcohol content is 0.15 mg/l or more and under 0.25 mg/l

Penalty points: 13 pts.

Suspension of the driver's license: 90 days (\*2)

- In the event that breath alcohol content is 0.25 mg/l or more

Penalty points: 25 pts.

Revocation of the driver's license: disqualified period of 2 years (\*2, 3)

(\*1) "Drunk" refers to a state in which the influence of alcohol makes the driver of a vehicle unable to drive safely.

(\*2) In the event that the driver has no previous record of administrative measures being imposed on him/her or no other accumulated penalty points

(\*3) "Disqualified period" refers to a period in which a driver cannot be granted a new license after the revocation of his/her license.

## **2 Punishments for Drinking and Driving**

With regards to drinking and driving, severe punishments shall be imposed not only on the driver, but also on those who provide the driver with a vehicle or an alcoholic beverage and those who are in the same vehicle.

### **A person driving a vehicle**

- In the event that the person drove while drunk  
Imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than 1 million yen
- In the event that the person drove under the influence of alcohol  
Imprisonment for not more than 3 years or a fine of not more than 500,000 yen

### **A person providing the driver with a vehicle**

- In the event that (the driver) drove while drunk  
Imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than 1 million yen
- In the event that (the driver) drove under the influence of alcohol  
Imprisonment for not more than 3 years or a fine of not more than 500,000 yen

### **A person providing the driver with an alcoholic beverage or being in the same vehicle**

- In the event that (the driver) drove while drunk  
Imprisonment for not more than 3 years or a fine of not more than 500,000 yen
- In the event that (the driver) drove under the influence of alcohol  
Imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine of not more than 300,000 yen