

Snohomish Law Group Outlines Proven Strategies for Challenging DUI Charges in Washington

From Invalid Stops to Faulty Tests: How Legal Defenses Can Reduce or Dismiss DUI Charges

EVERETT, WA, UNITED STATES, September 22, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Snohomish Law Group is reminding Washington residents that a DUI arrest is not the same as a conviction. [In a recent](#)

[blog post](#), the firm shared several common legal defenses that have helped clients challenge [DUI charges](#) and avoid severe penalties.

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Challenging the Traffic Stop

As readers will learn, one of the most powerful defenses is to question the legality of the traffic stop. Washington law requires police to have probable cause to pull someone over. If a stop was conducted without a lawful reason, any evidence collected (including field sobriety or breath test results) may be inadmissible in court.

Problems with Field Sobriety Tests

Field sobriety tests are often unreliable.

Conditions like poor weather, uneven pavement, or heavy traffic noise can affect a driver's performance. In addition, people with medical conditions, past injuries, or physical limitations may struggle with balance or coordination even when sober.

If officers failed to clearly explain the test or conduct it correctly, the law firm notes, the results can be challenged in court as irrelevant or misleading.

Unreliable Chemical Testing

Breathalyzers must be calibrated regularly, and blood samples must be stored and handled properly. If either process is flawed, test results may be invalid.

As Snohomish Law Group explains, a defense attorney can review maintenance records and consult with experts to contest the accuracy of the evidence.

Rising BAC Argument

The law firm also reminds readers that it's possible for a driver's blood alcohol level to rise between the time they were stopped and the time they were tested. If the driver consumed alcohol shortly before getting behind the wheel, their BAC may have been under the legal limit at the time of driving, creating room for a strong defense.

Alternative Explanations for Impairment Signs

Fatigue, illness, anxiety, and other health conditions can cause red eyes, unsteady posture, or slurred speech. These symptoms can easily be mistaken for intoxication.

A skilled attorney will review bodycam footage, gather medical records, and cross-examine officer testimony to present alternative explanations.

Why Legal Representation Matters

Snohomish Law Group encourages anyone facing DUI charges to seek legal help immediately. Each DUI case is unique, and an experienced attorney can identify procedural errors, question unreliable evidence, and negotiate for reduced or dismissed charges.

About Snohomish Law Group

Snohomish Law Group, led by attorney Scott Lawrence, defends clients across Snohomish County against DUI and other criminal charges. The firm takes a fact-driven approach, providing strategic guidance for both criminal proceedings and Department of Licensing (DOL) hearings.

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