

# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DUI, DWI, OMVI, AND OVI?

Nothing... these are all acronyms for driving a car while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The only difference is what the law in each state refers to the same offense.



## HERE'S A LITTLE HISTORY ON OHIO'S DRUNK DRIVING LAW

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1910's-1983

### DUI / DWI

Ohio interchangeably describes drunk driving laws as DUI's or DWI's until 1983 when the law was amended to refer to these crimes as OMVI's



#### WHAT DOES IT STAND FOR?

DUI: Driving under influence  
DWI: Driving while impaired

1983-2004

### OMVI

OMVI was used in Ohio to describe a person caught driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. It was changed again in 2004 to OVI.



#### WHAT DOES IT STAND FOR?

OMVI: Operating Motor  
Vehicle Impaired

2004-PRESENT

### OVI

OVI is the term currently used by the Ohio legislature to describe a charge of driving a car while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.



#### WHAT DOES IT STAND FOR?

OVI: Operating Vehicle Impaired.



Different states have different terms used to describe drunk driving but they all boil down to the same message; no matter your location, you should

**NEVER DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.**

For more information on drunk driving laws in Ohio or other states visit this website

[http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/impaired\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/impaired_laws.html)



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