

Causing death by dangerous driving

Culpability	Starting point	Range
A	12 years	8 – 18 years
B	6 years	4 – 9 years
C	3 years	2 – 5 years

Causing death by careless driving

Culpability	Starting point	Range
A	2 years	1 – 4 years
B	1 year	26 weeks – 3 years
C	26 weeks	Medium level community order – 1 year

Causing death by careless driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs

The legal limit of alcohol is 35µg breath (80mg in blood and 107mg in urine)	High culpability	Medium culpability	Lesser culpability
71µg or above of alcohol OR Deliberate refusal to provide specimen for analysis OR Evidence of substantial impairment and/or multiple drugs or combination of drugs and alcohol	Starting point: 12 years Sentencing range: 8 – 18 years	Starting point: 9 years Sentencing range: 6 – 12 years	Starting point: 6 years Sentencing range: 5 – 10 years
51- 70 µg of alcohol OR Any quantity of a single drug detected	Starting point: 9 years Sentencing range: 6 – 12 years	Starting point: 6 years Sentencing range: 4 – 9 years	Starting point: 4 years Sentencing range: 3 – 7 years
36-50 µg of alcohol	Starting point: 6 years Sentencing range: 4 – 9 years	Starting point: 3 years Sentencing range: 2 – 5 years	Starting point: 1 year 6 months Sentencing range: 26 weeks - 4 years

Causing serious injury by dangerous driving

	Culpability		
	A	B	C
Harm 1	Starting Point: 4 years Category range: 3 – 5 years	Starting Point: 3 years Category range: 2 – 4 years	Starting Point: 2 years Category range: 1 – 3 years
Harm 2	Starting Point: 3 years Category range: 2 – 4 years	Starting Point: 2 years Category range: 1 – 3 years	Starting Point: 1 year Category range: 26 weeks – 2 years

Causing serious injury by careless driving

	Culpability		
	A	B	C
Harm 1	Starting Point: 1 year 6 months Category range: 1 - 2 years	Starting Point: 1 year Category range: 26 weeks – 1 year 6 months	Starting Point: 26 weeks Category range: High level community order – 1 year
Harm 2	Starting Point: 1 year Category range: 26 weeks – 1 year 6 months	Starting Point: 26 weeks Category range: High level community order – 1 year	Starting Point: High level community order Category range: Low level community order – 26 weeks

Dangerous driving

	Culpability		
	A	B	C
Harm 1	Starting Point: 1 year 6 months Category range: 1 – 2 years	Starting Point: 1 year Category range: 26 weeks – 1 year 6 months	Starting Point: 26 weeks Category range: High level community order – 1 year
Harm 2	Starting Point: 1 year Category range: 26 weeks – 1 year 6 months	Starting Point: 26 weeks Category range: High level community order – 1 year	Starting Point: High level community order Category range: Low level community order – 26 weeks

Causing injury by wanton or furious driving

	Culpability		
	A	B	C
Harm 1	Starting Point: 1 year 6 months Category range: 1 - 2 years	Starting Point: 1 year Category range: 26 weeks – 1 year 6 months	Starting Point: 26 weeks Category range: High level community order – 1 year
Harm 2	Starting Point: 1 year Category range: 26 weeks – 1 year 6 months	Starting Point: 26 weeks Category range: High level community order – 1 year	Starting Point: High level community order Category range: Low level community order – 26 weeks
Harm 3	Starting Point: 26 weeks Category range: High level community order – 1 year	Starting Point: High level community order Category range: Low level community order – 26 weeks	Starting Point: Low level community order Category range: Band B fine – High level community order

Causing death by driving whilst disqualified

Culpability	Starting point	Range
A	5 years	4 – 7 years
B	3 years	2 – 5 years
C	1 year 6 months	High level community order to 2 years

Causing death by driving whilst unlicensed or uninsured

Culpability	Starting point	Range
A	1 year	36 weeks to 2 years
B	26 weeks	High level community order – 36 weeks
C	Medium level community order	Low level community order – high level community order

Causing serious injury by driving whilst disqualified

	Culpability		
	A	B	C
Harm 1	Starting Point: 3 years Category range: 2 – 4 years	Starting Point: 2 years Category range: 1 – 3 years	Starting Point: 1 year Category range: High level community order – 2 years
Harm 2	Starting Point: 2 years Category range: 1 – 3 years	Starting Point: 1 year Category range: High level community order – 2 years	Starting Point: 26 weeks Category range: Low level community order – 1 year

Driving/attempting to drive with a specified drug above the specified limit

Level of seriousness	Starting point	Range	Disqualification	Disqual. 2 nd offence in 10 years
Category 1	12 weeks' custody	High level community order – 26 weeks' custody	29 – 36 months (Extend if imposing immediate custody)	36 – 60 months (Extend if imposing immediate custody)
Category 2	Medium level community order	Low level community order – High level community order	17 – 28 months	36 – 52 months
Category 3	Band C fine	Band B fine – Low level community order	12 – 16 months	36 – 40 months

Being in charge of a motor vehicle with a specified drug above the specified limit

Level of seriousness	Starting point	Range	Disqualification/points
Category 1	High level community order	Medium level community order – 12 weeks' custody	Consider disqualification (extend if imposing immediate custody) OR 10 points
Category 2	Band C fine	Band B fine – Medium level community order	Consider disqualification OR 10 points
Category 3	Band B fine	Band B fine	10 points

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