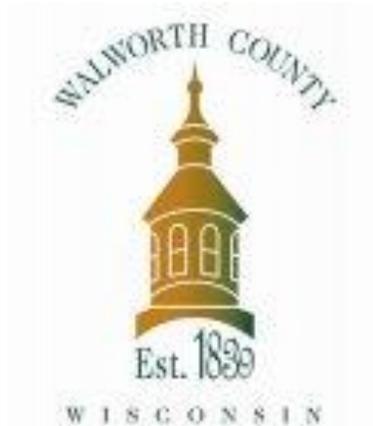

WALWORTH COUNTY UNDERAGE ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS PROGRAM



Citation Information

You have been issued a citation for an underage drinking offense. This means that you may be charged with violating the State of Wisconsin's juvenile laws, alcohol beverage laws, or a combination of these laws. These offenses may include violations of local city, village, town, or county ordinances that are similar to the State of Wisconsin laws.

Take time to review the citation. The citation contains important information regarding what you were charged with and the applicable law/ordinance you are accused of violating.

The citation also contains information regarding the date, time and location that you are scheduled to appear to answer the charge or charges against you. If you fail to appear, you will be found guilty and your driver's license may be suspended. If you don't have a driver's license, your privilege to obtain one may be suspended. You will also be given a fine, called a forfeiture, plus court costs you must pay.

In jurisdictions where a court appearance is not mandated, you can also pay the amount, called a deposit, listed on the citation instead of appearing in court, but you WILL still have your license suspended.

If you have additional questions regarding your citation, contact the Traffic Court Officer at wcsotco@co.walworth.wi.us.

Diversion Program

Who is Eligible?

Walworth County offers a diversion program to **first** time offenders with no prior underage alcohol convictions on their record. A previous alcohol offense that was amended by either an agreement or diversion program in **any** jurisdiction would disqualify you from participation in Walworth County's program.

What is the Benefit?

Successful completion of an **approved** educational program and adherence to court procedures provides for the charge and accompanying fine amount to be amended.

Successful completion would result in the violation being amended to an ordinance citation for Littering with a total forfeiture plus court costs of \$150. Additionally, no license suspension would be requested by the submitting agency.

What educational programs are approved?

Gateway Technical College's Youth AODA Education Course

- Contact GTC at 1-800-247-7122 with inquiries on class availability, times, locations, costs, and enrollment.
 - This is the **only** in-person option

3rd Millennium Classrooms

- Go to Web.3rdmil.com with inquiries on class availability, times, costs, and enrollment.
 - This is the **only** approved online provider

Procedures

In order to receive the benefit of the diversion program, **all** procedures must be followed. Deviation from the procedure in any way will result in removal from the program.

1. TO ENROLL, if you have attained the age of 17, either appear in court on the listed court date/time or contact the Traffic Court Officer at wcsotco@co.walworth.wi.us and inform them you wish to use the diversion program
 - a. If you are 16 and under, you **must** appear at the listed court date/time with a parent or guardian.
2. If the Traffic Court Officer determines you are eligible, and no aggravating factors exist such as being uncooperative or additional offenses, you will be given a time frame to complete the course.
3. At the initial hearing, the court will also determine your eligibility. You will be notified of the courts determination.
4. You will then provide proof of enrollment to wcsotco@co.walworth.wi.us within 10 business days following your initial court date. All expenses of the program are paid by the participant.
5. Your proof of course completion must be received at wcsotco@co.walworth.wi.us **no less than** ten days prior to your final court date.
6. Your final court date is **mandatory**, and you must attend and appear in front of the court commissioner.