

## **South Dakota AG 24/7 Sobriety Program**

**Website:** <http://apps.sd.gov/atg/dui247/index.htm>

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### **Evaluation/Research:**

<http://apps.sd.gov/atg/dui247/247stats.htm>

**Criminal Justice Partners:** Judges, Prosecutors, Sheriffs, Police Chiefs

**Information:** The 24/7 Sobriety Program's nontraditional approach in reducing recidivism is its emphasis on offender sobriety through intensive testing and monitoring of alcohol and drug consumption, together with swift and certain punishment for infractions. In counties where the program is available, placement on the 24/7 Sobriety Program is a prerequisite for issuance of work permits (also referred to as restricted driver permits) to repeat DUI offenders and to first-time offenders with a BAC of .17% or greater. Placement on the program may also be required as a condition of bond, sentence, probation, parole, and child custody or visitation orders. As the program has matured, many Judges are placing offenders involved in other crimes such as Domestic Violence, Assault, Larceny and others. If the facts indicated that alcohol or drugs were an underwriting influence to the crime, Judges are also using the 24/7 Sobriety Program to address the continued use of alcohol or drugs. The 24/7 Sobriety Program allows offenders to remain in the community free from incarceration if they totally abstain from alcohol and drugs. In most cases, offenders are able to drive, continue employment, and provide support and remain a valued member of their family.