

member of the driver's family, or arranging for public transportation. The police will not permit a driver, for his or her own safety, to leave the area where the vehicle has been stopped unless that person is in the care of another person willing and able to assume that responsibility. For public safety reasons and the protection of the vehicle, the police may arrange for the vehicle to be moved to a safe location. The Department will not intervene in cases where police forces have prevented a person with diplomatic status from driving, where the police have acted in accordance with this policy and to protect public safety.

Subsequent Actions: In every case where the Department receives a police report on an incident where police forces have intervened to prevent a person enjoying immunity from driving in the interests of public safety, the Department will contact the relevant Head of Mission in writing and inform him or her of the incident and the allegations of the police. The Department will inform the Head of Mission that police forces or other authorities may lay criminal charges. The Department will request in writing that the sending State waive administrative immunity so that the Department may hold the licence of the individual concerned and contact the relevant authorities to seek the suspension of that licence for a period of up to one year. If the sending State agrees to waive immunity for this purpose, a note will be required from the Mission to the Department confirming the waiver of immunity. Alternatively, the Department may accept a written undertaking by the Head of Mission that he or she will ensure that the person concerned will not drive in Canada for a period of up to one year. In the event that a person, whose privilege to drive in Canada has been suspended, fails to respect this condition of his or her continued assignment in Canada, the Department will immediately request that person's recall.

Criminal Charges: In cases of impaired driving or other major traffic offences, police forces have been encouraged by the Department to lay charges under the Criminal Code of Canada, regardless of the immunity of the person concerned. In accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, police forces shall not detain or arrest a person with diplomatic status.

Should a person enjoying immunity be charged with impaired driving or another major traffic offence, the Department will contact the Head of Mission to formally request the sending State to waive immunity. In the event that the sending State waives immunity, the Department will notify the appropriate local authorities. The Department expects that the person charged will comply with the decision of the court where the matter is adjudicated, including the payment of any fines and the completion of any mandatory education or treatment programs.

Should the sending State decide not to waive the immunity, the Department may accept a written undertaking by the Head of Mission that he or she will ensure that the person charged will not drive in Canada for a period of at least one year.

In the event that a person, whose privilege to drive in Canada has been suspended, fails to respect this condition of his or her continued assignment to Canada, the Department will immediately request his or her recall.

In the absence of an acceptance of one of the aforementioned options, the Department will request the recall of the individual.