



ALCOHOL IMPAIRMENT CHART

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS IS ILLEGAL*

There is no safe way to drive while under the influence. Even one drink can make you an unsafe driver.

Drinking alcohol affects your **Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)**. It is illegal to drive with a **BAC** that is .08% or more (.04% or more if you drive commercial vehicles; .01% or more if under 21). However, a **BAC** below .08% does not mean that it is safe or legal to drive. The charts below show the **BAC** zones for various numbers of drinks and time periods. **Remember:** "One drink" is a 1½-ounce shot of 80-proof liquor (even if mixed with non-alcoholic drinks), a 5-ounce glass of 12% wine, or a 12-ounce glass of 5% beer. These "one drink" equivalents

change if you are drinking ale, malt liquors, fortified wines, port, brandy, different proof liquor, **or** if you are drinking on an empty stomach, are tired, sick, upset, or have taken medicines or drugs.

How to use these charts: Find your weight chart. Then, look for the total number of drinks you have had and compare that to the time shown. If your **BAC** level is in the grey zone, your chances of having an accident are 5 times higher than if you had no drinks, and 25 times higher if your **BAC** level falls in the black zone.

BAC Zones: 90 to 109 lbs.		110 to 129 lbs.		130 to 149 lbs.		150 to 169 lbs.		170 to 189 lbs.		190 to 209 lbs.		210 lbs. & Up																																																				
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Technical note: These charts are not legal evidence of actual BAC. Although it is possible for anyone to exceed the designated limits, the charts have been constructed so that fewer than 5 persons in 100 will exceed these limits when drinking the stated amounts on an empty stomach. Actual values can vary by body type, sex, health status, and other factors.

Legend: (.01%–.04%) Possible DUI—*Definitely unlawful if under 21 years old* (.05%–.07%) Likely DUI—*Definitely unlawful if under 21 years old* (.08% Up) Definitely DUI

*VC §§23152, 23153, 23136, 23140 DUI=Driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs.