

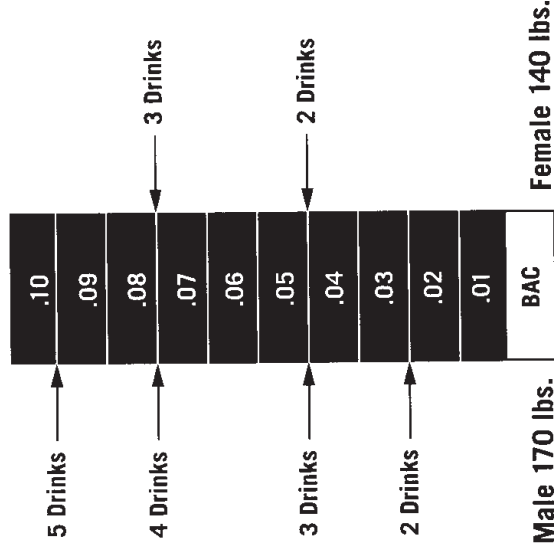
What is the .08% Standard for Driving While Intoxicated?

Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) is defined as the level of alcohol in the bloodstream. As the number of alcoholic beverages consumed over a period of time increases, so does the BAC. At .08% BAC, virtually everyone, including habitual drinkers, experiences some degree of driving skill impairment affecting eye movement, judgment, coordination, concentration and speed control.

In a study published in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol* (May, 2000), results showed that a driver with a .08% BAC can be up to 50 times more likely to die in a crash than if he was completely sober (.00% BAC). At .10% BAC – the former BAC limit for drunk driving in New York – the same driver would be up to 240 times more likely to die in a drunk-driving crash. The degree of impairment varies for each individual according to the amount of alcohol consumed, body weight, length of time spent drinking and whether the person ate before or while drinking alcohol.





Nationally, 3 out of 10 people will be in an alcohol related crash in their lifetime.

What .08% BAC Means To The Average Driver:



Always Be Aware of How Much You Drink!

Each of the following drinks contains an equal amount of alcohol...

	Beer 12oz. at 5%		Wine 5oz. at 12%		Wine Cooler 12oz. at 5%
			Liquor 1 1/2oz. 80 proof		

Alcohol content between products will vary considerably depending on container size and percentage of alcohol.

The Degree of Impairment Depends on Four Basic Factors:

1. The amount you drink.
2. Whether you've eaten before or while drinking (food slows absorption).
3. Your body weight.
4. The length of time spent drinking.

Coffee cannot make someone sober. The person may be more awake, but just as drunk. Only time can make someone sober. It takes at least an hour per drink for the alcohol to leave the body's system.

- Drivers at .08% BAC are four times more likely to cause a crash than .00% drivers.
- Drivers at .15% BAC are twenty-five times more likely to cause a crash than .00% drivers.

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Don't blow it.

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