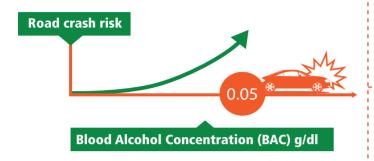
Drink–Driving: The Facts

Drinking alcohol and driving significantly increases the risk of a road traffic crash and its severity.

Above a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.05 g/dl, a driver's risk of a road traffic crash increases dramatically.



countries in the Americas follow the best-practice criteria for drink-driving laws

No drink-driving law / Law not based on BAC/BAC > 0.08g/dl
BAC between 0.05 g/dl and 0.08 g/dl or BAC for young/novice drivers > 0.02 g/dl
BAC ≤ 0.05 g/dl and BAC for young/novice drivers > 0.02 g/dl
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Drink-driving laws should be based on a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) limit of no more than:

Best

practice



for young or novice drivers

Strict enforcement of

the BAC limits can reduce the number of road deaths by 6-18%

Road Injury Surveillance Efforts in the Americas

countries test fatally injured drivers for alcohol

countries have data on alcohol-related traffic fatalities

countries test non-fatal injured drivers for alcohol



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