

Drinking and Driving Stats

- You are 380 times more likely to be in a fatal crash if your driver has a blood alcohol level of 0.150 or higher compared to a sober driver
- 65% of nighttime drivers making wide turns or straddling the center lane are legally drunk.
- 0.18 was the blood alcohol level of Henri Paul, Princess Diana's chauffeur, at the time of their fatal crash (three times the legal limit in France).
- 2 out of 5 of us will be involved in an alcohol-related crash in our lifetime.
- Within the next 32 minutes someone in the U.S. will die in an alcohol-related crash.
- 6 out of 10 cars seen weaving at night have a drunk driver behind the wheel.
- 1,500,000 people will be arrested for driving under the influence this year.
- 534,000 (one per minute) people will be hurt in alcohol-related crashes this year.
- 50% of cars going 10 miles over or under the speed limit after dark are driven by a drunk driver.
- 700 to 1,000 lives are saved each year because the drinking age was raised to 21 (about the same number of lives that are saved by airbags).
- Every 0.02 increase in blood alcohol level (about one drink) doubles the chances of that driver being in a fatal crash.
- 48% of fatally injured drivers had been drinking.