

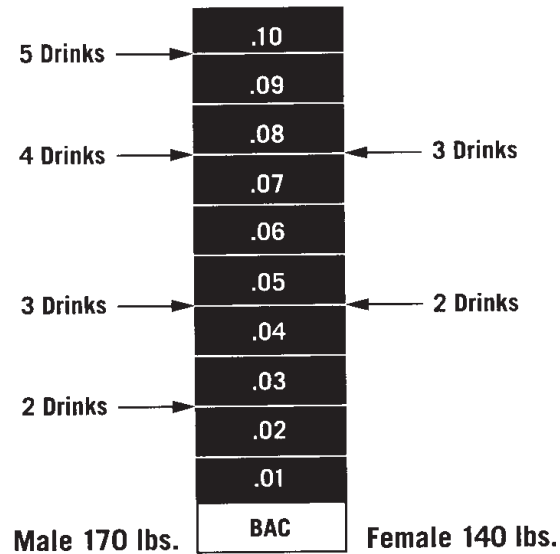
## What is the .08% Standard for Driving While Intoxicated?

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...

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

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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## The Cost of a Drunk Driving Conviction

### First Time Offender

■ Towing	\$ 50 plus
■ Car Storage (Fee Per Day)	\$ 45 plus
■ Defense Attorney	\$500 to \$1,500 plus
■ Bail Fee	0 to \$ 250 plus
■ DWI Fine	\$300 to \$1,000
■ Court Surcharge for Crime Victims Assistance Fund	\$ 20
■ Court Surcharge for Misdemeanor Level Crimes	\$ 140
■ Alcohol Evaluation	\$ 90 plus
■ DWI Victim Impact Panel Session	\$ 25
■ Probation Supervision Fee	0 to \$ 250 plus
■ Conditional License	\$ 75
■ Drinking Driver Program Fee	\$ 175
■ DMV Civil Penalty	\$ 125
■ DMV License Reinstatement Fee	\$ 100
■ Auto Insurance (additional cost per year)	\$2,000 to \$3,000

**Total:**                       
**\$3,645 to \$6,845**

## How A DWI Conviction Affects Auto Insurance...

### Little Known Facts!!!

- An insurance company can deny no fault coverage (personal injury protection for medical, rehabilitation and loss of wages) to the driver that causes a motor vehicle crash due to alcohol/drug involvement.
- An insurance company can deny parents whose child resides with them the standard or preferred rate due to the alcohol related driving offense of their child. In other words, the insurance rates for parents could increase simply because their child lives with them and has a DWI conviction.

## Local Resources

Delaware County STOP-DWI  
280 Phoebe Lane - Suite 5  
Delhi, NY 13753  
607.746.8400  
607.746.8412 fax

Delaware County Alcoholism Clinic  
607-865-7656

Alcohol & Drug Council  
607.746.8300

Delaware County Youth Bureau  
607.746.2325

AA Hotline  
1.888.227.6237

New York State STOP-DWI  
[www.stopdwi.com](http://www.stopdwi.com)

Safe New York  
[www.safeny.com](http://www.safeny.com)

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