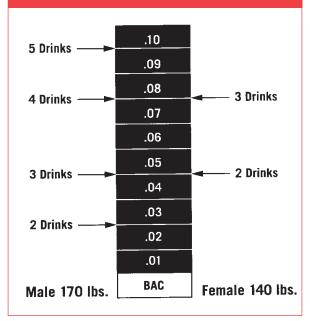
What is the .08% Standard for **Driving While Intoxicated?**

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...



12oz.

at 5%





5oz.

at 12%



80 proof



Wine Cooler 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.

Don't blow it.



The Cost of a Drunk Driving Conviction

First Time Offender

 Towing Car Storage (Fee Per Day Defense Attorney Bail Fee DWI Fine Court Surcharge for O 	\$500 to 0 to \$300 to	\$	50 plus 45 plus ,500 plus 250 plus ,000
Victims Assistance Fund		\$	20
Court Surcharge for Misdemeanor Level CAlcohol EvaluationDWI Victim Impact Pa		\$ \$	140 90 plus
Session	1101	\$	25
■ Probation Supervision F	ee 0 to	\$ \$	250 plus
Conditional License			75
■ Drinking Driver Program Fee		\$	175
DMV Civil PenaltyDMV License		\$	125
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

Alcohol/Drug Treatment Agencies				
Al-Anon and Al-Ateen	607-722-0889			
Alcoholics Anonymous	607-722-5983			
Addiction Center of Broome County	607-723-7308			
Fairview Alcoholism Crisis Center	607-722-4080			
Mental Health Association of the				
Southern Tier, Inc.	607-771-8888			
New Horizons Chemical Dependency				
Treatment	607-762-3232			
Youth Services				
Family and Children's Society	607-729-6206			
Lourdes Youth Services	607-584-4500			
Catholic Charities of Broome County -				
Gateway Center For Youth	607-584-7800			
Berkshire Farm Center and Services				
For Youth	607-772-2903			
Youth Counseling and Drug Treatment Referrals				
First Call For Help	607-729-9100			
New Horizons Chemical	607-762-2901			
Dependency Treatment				
Victim Services				
Crime Victims Assistance Center	607-722-4256			
Crime victims Assistance Center	001-122-4250			
Broome County Police Agencies				
New York State Police.	607-775-1241			
Broome County Sheriff	607-778-1911			
Binghamton Police	607-723-5321			
Endicott Police	607-785-3341			
Johnson City Police	607-729-9321			
New York State Park Police	607-648-3662			
Vestal Police	607-754-2386			
Port Dickinson Police	607-722-1255			
Deposit Police	607-467-2115			
NY State University Police, Binghamton	607-777-2393			

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