

IMPAIRED DRIVING FAQs



ICJI's goal is to help prevent Hoosiers from driving while impaired by providing them with resources to learn about potential alternatives. To learn more about how to prevent impaired driving and what you can do to help, read our frequently asked questions.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DRIVING IMPAIRED?

Driving impaired means you are operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and can lead to harming yourself and others.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM TOO IMPAIRED TO DRIVE?

If you need to question it, you are likely too impaired to drive safely.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT SOMEONE IS DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED?

If you see someone is driving while impaired, you should contact the police and give them a description of the person's vehicle.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF SOMEONE I KNOW IS PLANNING TO DRIVE WHILE IMPAIRED?

Do not let them get behind the wheel. Call them a ride or give them a safe place to stay until they sober up.

DOES THE TYPE OF ALCOHOL I DRINK AFFECT MY BAC?

No, a drink is a drink. A standard drink equals about half an ounce of alcohol (.54 ounces, to be exact). This is the approximate amount of alcohol found in:

- one shot of distilled spirits, or
- one 5-ounce glass of wine, or
- one 12-ounce beer.

WHAT IMPACT DOES BAC HAVE ON MY DRIVING?

Know that alcohol steadily decreases a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle safely. The more you drink, the greater the effect. As with BAC, the signs of impairment differ with the individual.

Drivers with a BAC of .08 are approximately **4 times more likely** to crash than drivers with a BAC of zero. At a BAC of .15, drivers are at least **12 times more likely** to crash than drivers with a BAC of zero. The risk of crashing is even greater for young males.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM HOSTING A PARTY WHERE ALCOHOL IS AVAILABLE?

You should ensure everyone who is drinking has a plan for getting home that doesn't involve driving.

WHAT IS THE LEGAL LIMIT FOR BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT IN INDIANA?

The legal limit is 0.08% blood alcohol content (BAC) for drivers 21 and over in Indiana and surrounding states.

