Drunk/Impaired Driving (DUI) Driving Under the Influence

It is against the law in Utah to:

1) Drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs or a combination of both.
2) Be in physical control of a vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08.
3) Drink any alcoholic beverage while operating a motor vehicle or as a passenger in a motor vehicle whether the vehicle is moving, stopped or parked.
4) Keep, carry, possess, transport or allow another person to transport, in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, any container that contains any alcoholic beverage if the container has been opened, the seal broken, or the contents partially consumed. *(Passenger Compartment means the area of the vehicle normally occupied by the operator and passengers and includes areas accessible to them while traveling, such as utility or glove compartment, but does not include a separate front or rear trunk compartment or other area of the vehicle not accessible to the operator or passengers inside the vehicle).*

BAC (Blood Alcohol Concentration) What does it mean ?

00%	0 drinks	Only safe level
.01-.02%	½ - 2 drinks	Impairment begins
.03-.07%	1-4 drinks	Reflexes, judgement, concentration and vision affected. Combined with fatigue, illness, stress, other drugs, or poor driving conditions increases the risk of having a crash!
.08-.11%	3-10 drinks	Illegal in Utah! Greater levels of impairment in all of the above! Average risk of crash is 10 times normal for an adult, 70-80 times normal for someone under 21!
.12-.15%	4-12 drinks	Motor skills, mental functions, and vision are severely impaired!
.16-.24%	6-14 drinks	Extreme health and crash risk!
.25-.34%	8-18 drinks	Unconsciousness!
.35-.45%	9-20 drinks	Death will occur!

Alcohol affects everyone differently. BAC may be affected by age, gender, physical condition, food consumed, medication, and other factors. Also, different mixed drinks contain different amounts of alcohol, so it's important to know how much alcohol has been consumed, not just how many drinks a person has had.

Women

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Drinks	BODY WEIGHT IN POUNDS							
	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
0	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%
1	.05	.04	.03	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02
2	.09	.08	.06	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04
3	.14	.11	.10	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06
4	.18	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09
5	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09
6	.27	.23	.19	.17	.15	.14	.12	.11
7	.32	.27	.23	.20	.18	.16	.14	.13
8	.36	.30	.26	.23	.20	.18	.17	.15
9	.39	.33	.30	.26	.23	.21	.19	.18

Add one drink per hour of drinking (light person), two drinks per hour (heavier person). 1 Drink=12 oz Beer, 5 oz Wine, or 1. oz 80 proof Liquor

Men

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Drinks	BODY WEIGHT IN POUNDS								
	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	260
0	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%	.00%
1	.04	.05	.05	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	.01
2	.07	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04	.03	.03	.03
3	.11	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06	.05	.05	.04
4	.15	.12	.11	.09	.08	.07	.07	.06	.06
5	.19	.16	.13	.12	.10	.09	.08	.08	.07
6	.22	.19	.16	.14	.12	.11	.10	.09	.09
7	.26	.22	.19	.16	.15	.13	.12	.11	.10
8	.30	.29	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	.12	.11
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Underage Alcohol/Zero Tolerance

It is against the law in Utah for:

1) A minor to purchase, attempt to purchase, solicit another person to purchase, possess, or consume any alcoholic beverage or product if you are a minor (a minor is a person under 21 years of age)
2) Anyone to sell, offer to sell or otherwise furnish any alcoholic beverage to any minor
3) A minor to misrepresent his/her age or any other person to misrepresent the minor's age.

Minors at least 13 years of age and younger than 18 years of age who are arrested for possession of alcohol, possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia will be suspended by Driver License Division for 90 days, or if under the age of eligibility for a driver license, denied application for the first 90 days following the date of eligibility.

Myths About Alcohol

Myth: Alcohol gives you energy.

Alcohol is a depressant. It slows down your ability to think, speak, and move.

Myth: Switching between beer, wine and liquor will make you more drunk than sticking to one type of alcohol.

Your blood alcohol content (the percent of alcohol in your blood or BAC) is what determines how drunk you are, not the flavors you selected. Alcohol is alcohol.

Myth: Everybody reacts the same to alcohol.

There are dozens of factors that affect reactions to alcohol – body weight, time of day, how you feel mentally, body chemistry, your expectations, and the list goes on and on.

Myth: A cold shower or a cup of coffee will sober someone up.

Nothing sobers you up but time. With coffee you're just a wide-awake drunk!

Myth: Its just beer. It can't permanently damage you.

Large amounts of alcohol can do major damage to your digestive system. You can harm your brain, heart, liver, stomach, and several other critical organs as well as losing years from your life.

Myth: It's none of my business if a friend is drinking too much.

If you are a real friend, it is your business. You can't make someone change but you can be honest. Maybe they'll listen. You may even talk them into getting help.

Myth: The worst thing that can happen is a raging hangover.

If you drink enough alcohol, fast enough, you can get an amount in your body that can kill you in only a few hours.

Myth: Drugs are a bigger problem that alcohol.

Alcohol kills 6½ times the number of people killed by cocaine, heroin, and every other illegal drug combined. Ten million Americans are addicted to alcohol. Alcohol is the #1 drug problem of America's youth.

Myth: Alcohol makes you sexy.

Alcohol may loosen a person up and make them more interested in sex, but it interferes with the body's ability to perform. Then consider STD's, pregnancy, AIDS, sexual assault, and that is not sexy at all.

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