

The Cost of a Drunk Driving Conviction

First Time Offender

Towing	\$75 +
Car Storage (per day)	\$45 +
Defense Attorney	\$1,500 +
Bail Fee	\$0 - \$500 +
DWI Fine	\$350 - \$1,000
State Surcharges	\$245 - \$395
Ignition Interlock	\$75 - 100 +
Interlock fee (6 mo. min.)	\$420 - \$600 +
Alcohol Evaluation	\$100 +
Victim Impact Panel	\$10 - \$50
Probation Supervision	\$0 - \$250 +
Conditional License	\$75
Drinking Driver Program	\$175 - \$300 +
DMV Civil Penalty	\$125 - \$750
DWI license reinstate	\$100
DMV suspension termination	\$50
Assessment (every 3 years)	\$250
Auto Insurance (per year)	\$2,000 - \$3,000 +
TOTAL:	\$5,595 - \$9,140 +

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.

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Standard for Drunk Driving

Facts About New York's .08 BAC

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

Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) is defined as the level of alcohol in the blood stream. 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 State - the same driver would be up to 240 times more likely to die in a crash caused by drunk driving. 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 the .08% BAC Means to the Average Driver:

5 Drinks →	.10	
	.09	
4 Drinks →	.08	← Drinks 3
	.07	
	.06	
3 Drinks →	.05	← Drinks 2
	.04	
	.03	
2 Drinks →	.02	
	.01	
Male 170 lbs.	BAC	Female 140 lbs.

Always Be Aware of How Much You Drink!

Each of the following drinks contains an equal amount of alcohol ...

			
Beer 12 oz. at 5%	Wine 5 oz. at 12%	Liquor 1 oz. 80 proof	Wine Cooler 12 oz. at 5%

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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