

Quiz:

Answers to Digging Deeper

What does BAC stands for?

- Blood Alcohol Concentration

What is the Criminal BAC in Canada?

- 80 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood (.08%).

If you register under the legal BAC of 0.08, you only get a warning.

- False

Drivers who register a BAC from 0.08 to 0.08 (known as the “warn range”) lose their licence at roadside for 3, 7 or 30 days.

The police use a breathalyser to determine a level of impairment by alcohol while you were driving.

- True

Police officers use a breathalyzer test to find out if your BAC is over the legal limit

Which of the following are impaired by drugs and/or alcohol?

- All of the above

Among other things, alcohol impairs your coordination, attention span and decision-making skills.

Which of the following are “standard servings” of alcohol (wine, beer, or spirits)?

A standard serving of alcohol is known as

- 5 oz. glass of wine, 12 oz. bottle of beer or, 1.5 oz. of spirits

On average, it takes 2 hours for a standard serving of alcohol to break itself down.

- True

On average, it takes two hours for a standard serving of alcohol to break itself down in the body.

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If you have a BAC of .09%, how long will it take on average for your BAC to reach 0%?

6 hrs

If your BAC reaches .09% it could take up to six hours to get back to zero. Many factors affect your body's ability to digest alcohol such as weight, body fat, and how long ago and how much you ate. Factors like tiredness and your mood can also make a difference in how alcohol affects your driving ability. It is very difficult to assess your own BAC or impairment. Small amounts of alcohol affect one's brain and the ability to drive.

A conviction for driving while impaired by drugs is the same as driving impaired by alcohol.

True

The penalties for drug impaired driving are the same as those for alcohol impaired driving.

In 2007, nearly 10 000 Ontarians have drug and impaired driving incidents.

False

The numbers are higher. Over 17 000 people in Ontario have had drug and impaired driving incidents in 2007.

If you become a third time offender you could lose your licence for life.

True

The likelihood of losing your licence for life if you are a third time offender is high.

If your BAC is found to be between 0.05% and 0.08% your licence may be immediately suspended.

True

Your licence can be suspended anywhere from 3 to 30 days if your BAC is found to be between 0.05 and 0.08%.

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