

Everyone under 21 is subject to the  
ZERO TOLERANCE LAW

this law prohibits anyone under the  
age of 21 to drive after drinking any  
amount of alcohol!



## The Effects of Blood Alcohol Concentration

### BAC level

### Predictable effects on Driving

- .02 Decline in visual functions, decline in ability to perform two tasks at the same time
- .05 Reduced coordination, reduced ability to track moving objects, difficulty steering, reduced response to emergency driving situations

The legal limit in all 50 states for drivers 21+

Concentration, short-term memory loss, speed control, reduced information processing capability (e.g., signal detection, visual search), impaired perception

- .10 Reduced ability to maintain lane position and brake appropriately

- .15 Substantial impairment in vehicle control, attention to driving task, and in necessary visual and auditory information processing

## Impaired Driving Prevention Tips After Alcohol Consumption

- Ride with a sober friend.
- Call for an Uber, Lyft, or Cab.
- Call a parent, sibling, grandparent, or someone you trust to take you home.
- Do not allow your friend to drive while impaired! Take and/or hide their keys.
- Never ride in a vehicle with an impaired driver, No matter who it is!
- If you see an impaired driver, call 911.

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## The Consequences of Alcohol Impaired Driving for Young Drivers



## What is Impaired Driving?

Impaired driving is operating a motor vehicle (car, truck, motorcycles, 4-wheeler, etc.) while under the influence of any intoxicating substance/drug

## **Alcohol is a Drug**

Alcohol is a substance that reduces the function of the brain by impairing thinking, reasoning, and muscle coordination



## Did you know?

- Car crashes are a leading cause of death for teens and young adults.
- Young drivers aged 16 to 20 years old are already 10 times more likely to die in a car accident due to their lack of experience.
  - When alcohol is added to the equation, they become 17 times more likely to die in a car crash.
- Every day, about 37 people in the United States die in drunk-driving crashes — that's one person every 39 minutes.

# Consequences

Minors found guilty of DUI with a blood alcohol level between .01 and .08 % are in violation of the Zero Tolerance law. If a minor's level registers more than .08 %, then adult conviction penalties apply.

## Fines/Probation

*First time offence can cost a person anywhere from \$250-\$1,000. Penalties increase in severity with repeat offenses, if occurring within a five year period.*

## Loss of Drivers License or Permit

*First time offenders can have their drivers' licenses suspended for up to one year, or 90 days upon completion of the Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program*

## Jail Time

*Jail time begins at 48 hours behind bars*

## Criminal Record

*Criminal record can be sealed if 17 and under but it happens after the age of 18, this record will follow the person.*

## Alcohol Classes or Rehab/Community Service

*The court may replace jail with attendance at a victim impact panel. Attendance and completion of the Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program (MASEP) is mandatory.*

## Hard to Find a Job

*Having a criminal record can hinder a person from finding a good job*

## Public Shame/Embarrassment/Disappointed Parents

*Family and friends may hear about the DUI, this can be very embarrassing.*

## Death

*Drinking and driving can cause a person to kill themselves or kill someone else*

