

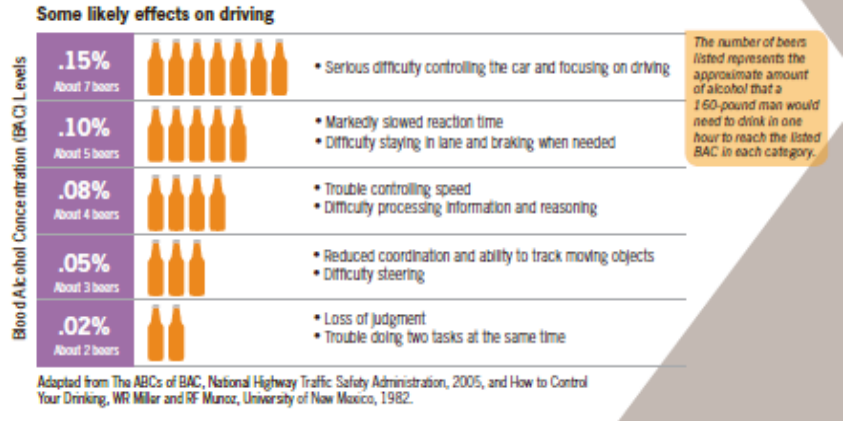
.05 BAC Saves Lives

.05 BAC laws could save 1,790 lives a year and reduce alcohol-related deaths by 11 percent in the USA.

At a .05 BAC, crash risk is 40 percent higher than it is at zero alcohol concentration.

.05 BAC has a **broad deterrent effect** and people will be less likely to drink and drive.

.05 BAC is supported by 63 percent of the USA public (AAA, 2015)



To get to a .05 BAC level, a 160-pound male must drink about three drinks in an hour. (Source, CDC)

What is considered a "drink"? U.S. Standard Drink Sizes



Facts on .05 BAC

Fact: Most law enforcement jurisdictions will not allow someone to continue to drive if they are pulled over and tested over a .05 BAC and under a .08 BAC.

Fact: It is illegal for Commercial Driver License (CDL) drivers to drive with a BAC greater than .04. If .08 BAC is safe to drive, why not increase the level for all CDL drivers to .08 too?

Fact: Law enforcement can arrest you if you are pulled over and have a BAC under a .08 with no drug impairment and only alcohol in your system.

.05 BAC Myths

Myth: The goal of .05 BAC is to ban the sale of alcohol. False, MADD supports a person's ability to consume alcohol as long as the person is aged 21 or over and chooses not to drink and drive.

Myth: .05 BAC drivers is difficult to detect. .05 still causes impaired and erratic driving behavior.

Myth: .05 BAC laws take away the focus from drug impaired drivers. False, if it is a poly use event, .05 BAC laws will make it easier to hold these drunk drivers accountable and if anything will better enforce and deter drug driving.

Myth: .05 BAC punishes and tries to do away with social drinking. You can still drink until you can no longer stand, the choice .05 BAC forces a person to do is find an alternative route home like a taxi, designated driver or ridesharing.



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.08 BAC laws saves lives and so will .05

Lives saved due to .08 BAC laws: 40,892

In 50 states, Puerto Rico and DC with 925 years of data. On average, .08 BAC laws save over 30 lives a year in each state. Methodology: Looking at NHTSA FARS fatality numbers, Lives saved is calculated by figuring out the proportion of alcohol-related fatalities (.01 BAC plus) had stayed the same from the first year the law enacted.

Studies show that .08 BAC laws reduce drunk driving deaths by 9.2 percent (Fell, 2018)

Lowering the BAC level to .05 would reduce drunk driving deaths by an additional 11.1 percent (Fell, 2018)

How many lives would be saved if all states enact a .05 BAC level? 1,790 lives could be saved each year if all states lowered the BAC limit to .05. (Fell, 2018)