



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department of Transportation

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

**DUI**

**Blood Alcohol Content  
and Driving Skills Impairment**

**0.01**

Divided attention, reaction time  
and visual function

**0.02**

Eye movement, control, standing  
steadiness, emergency responses

**0.03**

Coordination

**0.05**

Information processing,  
judgment

**0.08**

Concentrated attention,  
speed control



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Impaired driving remains one of our nation's serious public health challenges. The numbers speak for themselves:

- Each alcohol related traffic death costs our nation an average of 37 years of life lost. In contrast to 16 years for cancer and 12 for heart disease.
- The cost of an alcohol related injury is 50 percent higher than the cost of the average motor vehicle injury because people in alcohol related crashes are usually severely injured.
- Impaired driving is no accident. It is a crime that kills every 33 minutes
- DUI and DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) account for almost 1.5 million arrests annually. The same number as for larceny or theft and drug abuse.
- The majority of impaired drivers killed in the United States are highly intoxicated. Nearly half have a Blood Alcohol Content at or above .20, which is over twice the legal limit in Illinois.
- Over one-third of college students report having driven while intoxicated within the past year.



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