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1	Impairment Begins	.05	.04	.03	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02
2	Driving Skills Affected	.09	.08	.07	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04
3	Possible Criminal Penalties	.14	.11	.10	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06
4		.18	.15	.13	.11	.10	.09	.08	.08
5		.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09
6		.27	.23	.19	.17	.15	.14	.12	.11
7	Legally Intoxicated	.32	.27	.23	.20	.18	.16	.14	.13
8	Criminal Penalties	.36	.30	.26	.23	.20	.18	.17	.15
9		.41	.34	.29	.26	.23	.20	.19	.17
10		.45	.38	.32	.28	.25	.23	.21	.19

Body Weight in Pounds

Drinks

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3	.08	.07	.06	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04	Possible Criminal Penalties
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6	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09	.09	.09	Legally Intoxicated
7	.19	.16	.15	.13	.12	.11	.11	.10	Criminal Penalties
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THIS CHART IS INTENDED FOR INDIVIDUALS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. IT IS A GUIDE, NOT A GUARANTEE.

Alcohol can affect each person in a different way. The way your body reacts to alcohol depends on your gender, how much you weigh, how quickly you drink and whether or not you have eaten. You should also remember that different drinks may contain different amounts of alcohol.

This chart uses 1.5 oz. of 80-proof liquor, 12 oz. of beer or 5 oz. of wine as one drink.

Females reach a higher blood alcohol content (BAC) level faster than males. A woman should use the female version of the chart that is highlighted in red on the other side.

Pennsylvania has set .08% BAC as the legal limit for a driving under the influence (DUI) conviction. You may be convicted of DUI at .05% and above if there is supporting evidence of driving impairment. Commercial drivers can be convicted of DUI nationwide with a BAC of .04%. If the driver is operating a school bus or school vehicle (Section 3802(f)(1)(ii) of the Vehicle Code), the level is reduced to .02%. A BAC reading is not necessary for an individual to be convicted of DUI. You may be convicted of DUI if there is circumstantial evidence that you consumed a sufficient amount of alcohol so you are incapable of safe driving.

The **Zero Tolerance Law** (Section 3802(e) of the PA Vehicle Code, Title 75) lowered the BAC for minors (those under 21) to .02%.

REMEMBER:

- A person must be 21 years of age or older to legally purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, consume or transport any alcohol, liquor, malt or brewed beverages.
- Impairment begins with the first drink — the only safe driving limit is .00%.
Never drive after drinking!

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Bureau of Alcohol Education offers a variety of materials free of charge. For more information:

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