

## ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE OR POSSESSION

- ➔ You will be fined \$150.
- ➔ You may do hours of community service.

## CONSEQUENCES

- ➔ Loss of driver's license
- ➔ Cannot join military
- ➔ Cannot secure job in law enforcement
- ➔ Cannot secure job requiring driving
- ➔ Loss of self esteem
- ➔ Publicity in local community
- ➔ Extended high costs of auto insurance (if available at all)
- ➔ Fines
- ➔ Community service
- ➔ Possible imprisonment
- ➔ Driver's license reinstatement fee

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# BAC

## Blood Alcohol Concentration



# AND YOUTH

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## WHAT IS BAC?

When you drink an alcoholic beverage, it is not digested like food.

- ➔ It goes into your bloodstream.
- ➔ The more you drink, the more alcohol is in your blood.
- ➔ The alcohol in your blood is called Blood Alcohol Concentration (**B A C**).

## EVERY "BODY" IS DIFFERENT

- ➔ Body weight
- ➔ Amount of alcohol
- ➔ Drinking time
- ➔ Gender

## HOW DOES BAC AFFECT BEHAVIOR?

When the alcohol in the bloodstream reaches the brain, it immediately begins to affect the way a person behaves. The effects are present with just one drink. The following BAC levels are based on a 140-pound person who has consumed light beer over a short period of time (1-2 hours). See diagram on the next page.

### 1. JUDGMENT

1-2 beers (.01 to .04 BAC)

Affected first are the outer layers of the cerebrum, which contains the centers of association of the brain, e.g., judgment, reason and inhibitions.

3-4 beers (.05 TO .08 BAC)

The alcohol now reaches further into the cerebrum. At this point higher motor and sensory areas are affected, causing a decrease in fine skills and a person's ability to respond and perform. People are likely to become noisy, more talkative and moody, but feel more alert and capable. Yet in truth, there has been a reduction in their reaction time, judgment, and ability to respond to emergencies.

### 2. MUSCLE CONTROL

5-7 beers (.09 to .15 BAC)

Now the alcohol extends into the cerebellum, the essential link in coordinating sensory impulses and motor activity. The drinker's senses of hearing, speech, vision and balance are altered. Decreased sense of pain, staggered walk, and slurred speech may also be evident.

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### 3. VITAL FUNCTIONS

8-12 beers (.16 to .30 BAC)

The entire cerebellum, as well as portions of the medulla, which controls involuntary functions, may be affected. Reflexes are depressed, body temperature may go down and circulation is impaired. Unconsciousness may occur. Gross intoxication of all physical and mental faculties is evident.

More than 12 beers (.30 and above)

By this time most people are not in a position to drink anymore. They may become unconscious and remain in a coma until the body has disposed of enough alcohol so that the nerve centers controlling consciousness may begin to function again. It is important to note that persons in this condition are near the point of death and **may** die if left unattended.

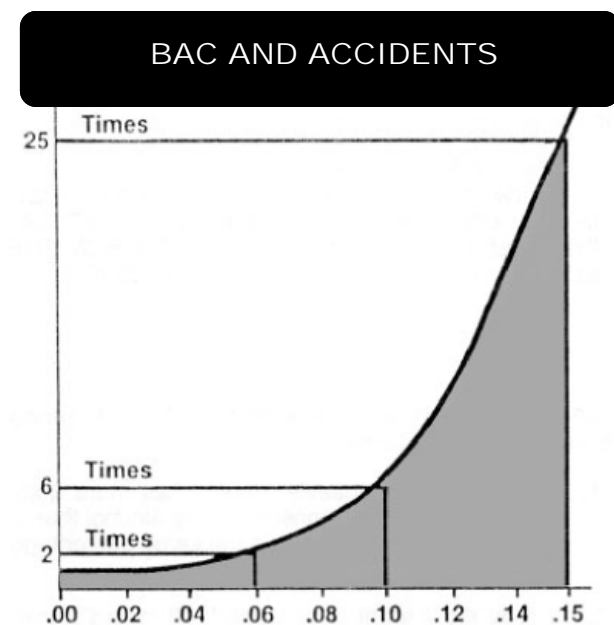
#### MY ACHING BRAIN

Progression of Alcohol's Effects

#### BAC AND DRIVING

Alcohol can impair your driving in a number of ways:

- ➡ It reduces your ability to do more than one thing at a time.
- ➡ It makes it hard for you to concentrate.
- ➡ It affects your judgment and impairs your reactions. It becomes harder for you to react to the conditions on the road.
- ➡ It can make you feel more confident, which could lead to taking more risks. As your BAC increases, the likelihood of being involved in a road crash also increases.



#### MINORS IN POSSESSION

Minors convicted of the offense of possession of an INTOXICATING SUBSTANCE shall be fined as follows:

##### UNDER 18

###### 1st Offense

- Fine not less than \$100 and not to exceed \$300.
- Perform 20 hours of community service.
- Person and parent/guardian complete and pay all costs of participation in community-based substance abuse information course approved by DPHHS, or court, or provided by Dept. of Corrections, or a licensed hospital that provides chemical dependency services.
- Driver's license confiscated by court for 30 days.

###### 2nd Offense

- Fine not less than \$200 and not to exceed \$600.
- Person and parent/guardian complete and pay all costs of participation in community-based substance abuse information course approved by DPHHS, or court, or provided by Dept. of Corrections, or a licensed hospital that provides chemical dependency services.
- Driver's license confiscated by court for 6 months.
- Complete chemical dependency assessment.
- If recommended, attend treatment program.

###### 3rd or Subsequent Offense

- Fine not less than \$300 and not to exceed \$900.
- Perform 60 hours of community service.
- Person and parent/guardian complete and pay all costs of participation in community-based substance abuse information course approved by DPHHS, or court, or provided by Dept. of Corrections, or a licensed hospital that provides chemical dependency services.
- Driver's license confiscated by court for 6 months.
- Complete chemical dependency assessment.
- If recommended, attend treatment program.

If convicted person fails to complete the community-based substance abuse course and has a driver's license, court shall order license suspended for 3 months for 1st offense, 9 months for 2nd offense, and 12 months for 3rd or subsequent offense.

### 18 OR OLDER BUT UNDER 21

#### 1st Offense

- Fine not less than \$100 or more than \$300.
- Shall be ordered to perform 20 hours community service.
- Shall be ordered to complete and pay all costs of participation in community-based substance abuse information course approved by DPHHS, or court, or provided by Dept. of Corrections, or a licensed hospital that provides chemical dependency services.

#### 2nd Offense

- Fine not less than \$200 or more than \$600.
- Shall be ordered to perform 40 hours community service.
- Shall be ordered to complete and pay all costs of participation in community-based substance abuse information course approved by DPHHS, or court, or provided by Dept. of Corrections, or a licensed hospital that provides chemical dependency services.
- May include alcohol and/or drug treatment programs.

#### 3rd or Subsequent Offense

- Fine not less than \$300 or more than \$900
- Shall be ordered to perform 60 hours community service.
- Shall be ordered to complete and pay all costs of participation in community-based substance abuse information course approved by DPHHS, or court, or provided by Dept. of Corrections, or a licensed hospital that provides chemical dependency services.
- May include alcohol and/or drug treatment programs.
- In the discretion of the court, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months.

A person under 21 years of age commits the offense of attempt to purchase an intoxicating substance if the person knowingly attempts to purchase an alcoholic beverage. A person convicted of attempt to purchase an intoxicating substance shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$150 if the person was under 21 years of age at the time the offense was committed and may be ordered to perform community service.

IN MONTANA, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON  
UNDER 21 WHO HAS AN ALCOHOL  
CONCENTRATION OF 0.02% OR MORE  
TO DRIVE! (MCA 61-8-410)