

It's Not Just About Alcohol.

Drivers with any trace of non-medicinal drugs in their systems are subject to the same fines and penalties as drunk drivers, even if they show no signs of impairment. Among the prosecutable substances ...

- Marijuana
- GHB
- Cocaine and cocaine derivatives

The New Definition of Drunk Driving in Michigan.

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On September 30, 2003, Michigan became the 44th state in America to lower its drunk driving standard to **.08 blood alcohol content (BAC)**. Previously, Michigan had a two-tiered standard which treated .10 as “drunk driving” and .08–.09 as “driving impaired.”

Why Has Michigan Lowered the Drunk Driving Standard?

- FACT** A PERSON'S DRIVING SKILLS ARE SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED AT .08 BAC. Recent research shows that the vast majority of drivers are significantly impaired at .08 blood alcohol content.
- FACT** .08 REDUCES TRAFFIC FATALITIES. Studies have analyzed the effects of lowering BAC to .08 in other states. The lower standard generally means reductions in alcohol-related fatal crashes when combined with publicity and strong enforcement. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)
- FACT** A .08 BAC LAW SERVES AS AN ADDITIONAL DETERRENT TO DRIVING DRUNK. It sends the message that Michigan is getting tougher on intoxicated driving.

Fines & Fees (for a first offense)

- Up to 93 days in jail
- Up to a \$500 fine
- Up to 360 hours of community service
- Up to 6 points on a driver's license
- Up to 180 days' license suspension

Other Consequences

- Convicted drunk drivers will also be subject to a new \$1,000 penalty for two consecutive years, for a total of \$2,000 in additional fines.
- Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension, rather than the previous six-month suspension. For a second refusal in seven years, the suspension is two years.

Don't Drive Drunk.

Although you may feel capable of driving at .08, you run serious risks to yourself and others. Please, play it safe.
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