



**Drunk driving is
a costly crime.**



Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning
P.O. Box 30634, Lansing, MI 48909
517-284-3332
Michigan.gov/ohsp

This material was developed through a project funded by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Catalog No. 2130 • michigan.gov/ohspcatalog • 3-2019

COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF A DRUNK-DRIVING CONVICTION

(if BAC is below .17 and this is a first offense):

- » Up to \$500 fine
- » Up to 93 days in jail
- » Up to 360 hours of community service
- » Up to 180 days license suspension
- » 6 points on a driver's license
- » Mandatory license reinstatement fee of \$125

COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF A HIGH BAC DRUNK-DRIVING CONVICTION

(if BAC is .17 or higher and this is a first offense):

- » Up to \$700 fine
- » Up to 180 days in jail
- » Up to 360 hours of community service
- » Up to one year license suspension
- » 6 points on a driver's license
- » Mandatory license reinstatement fee of \$125

It is a crime for a driver to have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or greater if over age 21 or .02 or greater if under 21.

However, drivers can be arrested at any BAC level if they exhibit signs of impairment while operating a motor vehicle.

» Ignition interlock use and compliance after 45 days license suspension is required to receive a restricted driver's license. Convicted drunk drivers have limited driving privileges, are prohibited from operating a vehicle without an approved and properly installed ignition interlock device, and are responsible for all installation and upkeep costs for the device.

OTHER CONSEQUENCES

- » Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension. For a second refusal within seven years, the suspension is two years.
- » Convicted drunk drivers, regardless of BAC, may be subject to ignition interlocks and possible vehicle impoundment.

SAFER ALTERNATIVES

Tens of thousands of people are arrested annually in Michigan for alcohol-related driving offenses. To avoid a drunk-driving arrest and the costs associated with such an arrest:

- » Designate a sober driver before drinking alcohol
- » Call a friend, cab, or ride service; walk; or take the bus
- » Stay overnight