



# Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, alcohol-impaired driving was involved in 31% of traffic fatalities across the nation in 2014, translating to 9,967 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities (latest figures available).

## Sobering Facts:

- Someone is killed in an alcohol-related accident every 53 minutes in the U.S.
- The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes totals more than \$42 billion.
- Remember the one-one rule: one drink per hour – your body takes about an hour to rid itself of 1/2 ounce of alcohol.
- Over the counter medications, prescriptions and drugs, including marijuana, can also lead to a DUI.

## DUIs — Why you don't want one:

- You could lose your license.
- Your insurance company will no longer cover you or significantly increase your premiums.
- You might lose your job.
- You'll face massive fines.
- You'll potentially serve jail time.
- You're more likely to die in an accident or kill someone else.

## Safety Tips for Avoiding a DUI:

- Never drink alcohol before or while operating a vehicle.
- Do not mix alcohol with medications or other substances.
- If you are going to drink, do it responsibly and arrange for a designated driver.
- If you did bring your car, leave it where you parked and return for it the next day.
- To avoid temptation, leave your car behind – take a taxi or ride-share service to and from your destination.

The consequences of drinking and driving are devastating. Know your limits and use your best judgement – everyone is counting on you.

The advice presented in this document is intended as general information for employers. Contact your loss control consultant or visit [CompWestInsurance.com](http://CompWestInsurance.com) for more safety tips and information.

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