

# IMPAIRED DRIVING

## ABOUT IMPAIRED DRIVING



## EACH ONE OF THESE CAN LEAD TO:

- Slower reaction time
- Decreased cognitive and motor skill function
- Impaired judgement
- Falling asleep at the wheel

## BUTLER COUNTY STATS AND FACTS:

### 35 Percent

In 2019 in Butler County 35% of all traffic fatalities involved substance-impaired driving

### 36 People/Families

Lost loved ones in Butler County over the last 3 years from a traffic crash involving a substance-impaired driver

### 6 Months

The amount of time you could spend in jail for your first conviction in the state of Ohio

### \$1,500 and 1-5 years

Amount of money you could be fined on your second conviction and the number of years you could have your license suspended

## What is the cost of a DUI in Ohio?

## What is impaired driving?

### Fatigue-impaired driving

Fatigue-impaired driving can be just as dangerous as alcohol or drug-impaired driving. Driving when you're too tired can have the following affects:

- Impair reaction time, judgment, and vision
- Create problems with information processing and short-term memory
- Decrease performance, vigilance, and motivation
- Increase moodiness and aggressive behaviors

Just like drugs or alcohol, sleepiness slows reaction time, decreases awareness, and impairs judgment. Just like alcohol, sleepiness can be fatal when driving. Groups who are especially at risk for fatigue-impaired driving are drivers under 25 years of age, shift workers, commercial truck drivers and business travelers.

Additional Resources:

[National Sleep Foundation](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Drowsy Driving](#)

[American Academy of Sleep Medicine](#)

[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\) Drowsy Driving](#)

[NHTSA Traffic Safety Drowsy Driving Stats](#)

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## What is impaired driving?

### Alcohol-impaired driving

Alcohol has significant effect on driving skills due to its depressant effects. While under the influence of alcohol, drivers can misjudge their capabilities and experience the following:

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At 2 Drinks You are beginning to be impaired.

At 3 Drinks You are impaired.

At 4 Drinks You are legally impaired and will be arrested.

Expense	Cost
Higher Insurance Premiums	\$4,500-\$10,000
Defense Attorney	\$2,500-\$5,000
Court Fines	\$150-\$1,800
Alcohol Treatment/Education	\$1,000-\$2,500

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Need a DUI Attorney call (930) DUB-LAW1

- Decreased reaction time due to slower reflexes
- Feelings of drowsiness
- Poor coordination affecting the mechanics of driving (steering, working, braking, etc.)
- Inattention to driving tasks
- Decreased rational decision making
- Depressed eye movement and perception affecting night vision and color perception
- Inability to judge car's position on the road, road signs, and location of other vehicles

(Taibbi, R. How Alcohol Affects You. Current Health, Vol 2, p. 16-19 (1994).)

Additional Resources:

[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\) Drunk Driving](#)

[CDC Sobering Facts OH Drunk Driving](#)

[MADD Website](#)

[Responsibility.org Prevention of Drunk Driving](#)

[GHSA Alcohol Impaired Driving](#)

[College Drinking Prevention](#)

### Drug-impaired driving

Drug-impaired driving refers to driving after taking any prescription or over the counter drug, or illegal substances. Like alcohol, drugs can decrease your reaction time, affect your coordination, make you fall asleep at the wheel or lead to inattention while driving.

In 2013, NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) reported that drugs were present in 40 percent of the fatally-injured drivers with a known test result, almost the same level as alcohol (FARS, 2015). In particular, marijuana use is increasing. As of August 2015, marijuana may be used for medical purposes in 23 states and the District of Columbia (NCSL, 2015a). Recreational use is allowed in Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and the District of Columbia and 16 other states have decriminalized possession of small amounts of marijuana (NCSL, 2015b).

Additional Resources:

[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\) Drugged Driving](#)

[CDC "What You Need to Know About Marijuana Use and Driving"](#)

[Responsibility.org Drugged Driving Awareness](#)

[Healthline "The Effects of Marijuana on the Body"](#)

[WebMD "How Pot Affects Your Mind and Body"](#)



# IMPAIRED DRIVING

Need to take a remedial driving course for a 2-point credit on your license or to get your license renewed?  
Safety Council of Southwestern Ohio offers classes.  
[Click here for a list of upcoming dates.](#)

[Butler County Statistics on Impaired Driving](#)  
[Responsibility.org State of Ohio Impaired Driving Statistics](#)

Additional Resources:

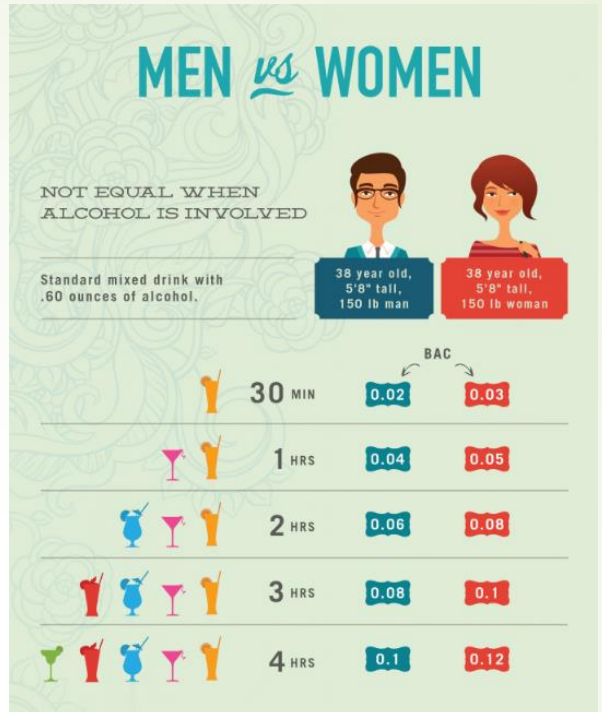
[Safe and Sober](#)  
[Feel Different Drive Different](#)  
[The Ultimate List of Driving Statistics for 2020](#)

Use the BAC Calculator:  
The Virtual Bar:

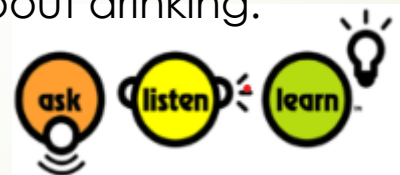
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Speak to your Tween about drinking:



Other Butler County Statistics:

[Butler County Statistics on Seat Belt Use](#)  
[Butler County Statistics on Distracted Driving](#)  
[Butler County Statistics on Teen/Youth/New Drivers](#)  
[Butler County Statistics on Mature Drivers](#)  
[Butler County Statistics on Other Road Users](#)

Other Butler County Safe Communities' pages:

[Seat Belts and Car Seats](#)  
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[Mature Drivers](#)  
[Pedestrians & Other Road Users](#)  
[Other Safety Focus Areas](#)

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