



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 for more safety tips and information.

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