



Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)

In Missouri, you can get a DWI if you drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of **0.08%** or higher, regardless of whether your driving ability was actually impaired. The law in Missouri also says that if you are driving a vehicle, you have given consent to submit to a chemical test for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol in your blood. If you refuse to take a test there consequences that will follow that could result in the suspension of your license for one year ([577.041 RSMo.](#)).

In Missouri, the maximum blood alcohol content (BAC) for drivers who are under 21 (considered minors under some drinking and driving laws) is **0.02%**. Penalties include suspension of license 90 days (first offense); 1 year (any subsequent offense).

For more information on laws, penalties and fines in reference to Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) please visit: <http://dor.mo.gov/drivers/dwiinfo.php>

BAC Effects Table ([Click here for a Graphic Table](#))

ALCOHOL EFFECTS BY BAC LEVEL	
0.01-0.05	Average individual appears normal
0.03-0.12	Mild euphoria, talkativeness, decreased inhibitions, decreased attention, impaired judgment, increased reaction time
0.09-0.25	Emotional instability, loss of critical judgment, impairment of memory and comprehension, decreased sensory response, mild muscular incoordination
0.18-0.30	Confusion, dizziness, exaggerated emotions (anger, fear, grief) impaired visual perception, decreased pain sensation, impaired balance, staggering gait, slurred speech, moderate muscular incoordination
0.27-0.40	Apathy, impaired consciousness, stupor, significantly decreased response to stimulation, severe muscular incoordination, inability to stand or walk, vomiting, incontinence of urine and feces
0.35-0.50	Unconsciousness, depressed or abolished reflexes, abnormal body temperature, coma; possible death from respiratory paralysis

BAC Calculator http://sci9.com/sci9/p_litesoft/BAC.html

- [Lincoln University BAC Calculator \(National Highway Traffic Safety Administration BAC Formula\)](#)
- [Missouri Department of Transportation \(MoDOT\) BAC iPhone App](#)
- [Other BAC Calculators](#)