

# **HB 308 - BLOOD/BREATH ALCOHOL CONTENT LIMITS**

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# What Does HB 308 Do?

**HB 308 seeks to lower the BAC (blood/breath alcohol concentration) threshold that constitutes impairment. The current legal limit is 0.08, this bill would lower it to 0.04.**

**Aligns state law with federal standards for commercial drivers. Under federal regulations, holders of a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) are deemed to have violated safety standards if their BAC reaches 0.04 or higher.**

## What this looks like in Alaska

- **In Alaska, 2.6% of adults report driving after drinking “too much” within the past 30 days, compared to a national average of 1.7%. (Centers for Disease Control)**
- **Since 2012, Alaska has experienced a 46.7% increase in fatalities related to driving under the influence (National Highway Safety Transportation Board)**

# 0.04 BAC is impaired.

## Male

**Approximate Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) In One Hour**  
Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Drinks	Body Weight In Pounds								Influenced
	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	
1	.04	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	Possibly
2	.08	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04	.03	.03	
3	.11	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06	.05	.05	Impaired
4	.15	.12	.11	.09	.08	.08	.07	.06	
5	.19	.16	.13	.12	.11	.09	.09	.08	Legally Intoxicated
6	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09	
7	.26	.22	.19	.16	.15	.13	.12	.11	
8	.30	.25	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	.13	
9	.34	.28	.24	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	
10	.38	.31	.27	.23	.21	.19	.17	.16	

Subtract .015 for each hour after drinking.

## Female

**Approximate Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) In One Hour**  
Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Drinks	Body Weight In Pounds								Influenced
	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	
1	.05	.04	.03	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	Possibly
2	.09	.08	.07	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04	
3	.14	.11	.11	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06	Impaired
4	.18	.15	.13	.11	.10	.09	.08	.08	
5	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09	Legally Intoxicated
6	.27	.23	.19	.17	.15	.14	.12	.11	
7	.32	.27	.23	.20	.18	.16	.14	.13	
8	.36	.30	.26	.23	.20	.18	.17	.15	
9	.41	.34	.29	.26	.23	.20	.19	.17	
10	.45	.38	.32	.28	.25	.23	.21	.19	

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## What Lowering the BAC to 0.04 DOES:

- **Saves lives**
- **Deters people from drinking and driving**
- **Makes roads safer**

## What Lowering the BAC to 0.04 DOESN'T DO:

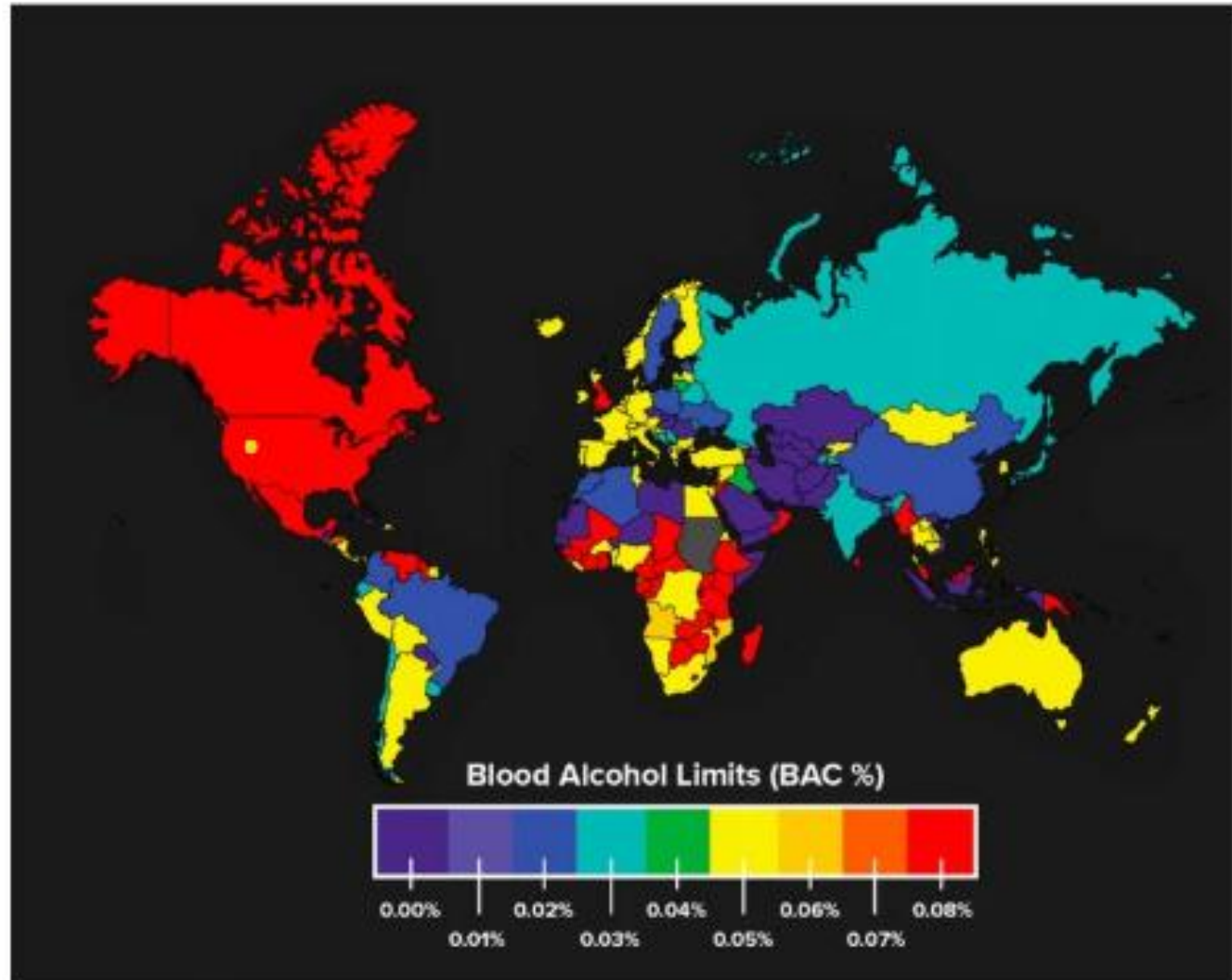
- **Does not decrease alcohol sales, alcohol consumption, or tourism revenue**
- **Does not reflect a dramatic increase; DUI arrest trends in Utah have remained relatively stable**
- **Does not change policing practices or who gets stopped**

## 0.04 might seem low, but globally, it tells a very different story.

150 countries, including most of Europe, Asia, and South America, and 10 Mexican states have adopted BAC limits of 0.04-0.05.

Additionally, 39 countries have a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. (International Alliance For Responsible Drinking)

Currently, 84% of the world's population lives in a country with BAC limits of 0.05 or lower.



Thank you