

GIVE DRINK DRIVING THE RED CARD

DON'T PAY THE PENALTY

The amount of alcohol you have consumed makes no difference – whether you are just over the limit or well over the limit, in the eyes of the law you are still a convicted drunk-driver.

Driving or attempting to drive whilst above the limit will result in:

- Loss of licence – an automatic minimum 12 month driving ban
- A risk of being fined up to £5,000
- A criminal record – for a minimum of 20 years
- An offence which stays on your licence for 11 years

DON'T BLOW IT

Having a criminal record can really impact on peoples' lives, affecting:

- Relationships
- Job prospects
- Travel – e.g. to USA
- Insurance premiums, which can triple
- Hiring a car
- Social standing



DON'T FALL FOUL OF THE DRINK DRIVE RULES

Causing death by dangerous driving whilst under the influence of drink will result in a maximum 14-year jail sentence and a minimum 2 year driving ban.

Even if you are under the limit, you can still be charged with impairment through drink .

The likelihood of being caught is now greater than ever before. Police will breathalyse any driver who:

- has been stopped for any moving traffic offence (e.g. using a mobile phone, a faulty brake light, not wearing a seatbelt)
- they suspect has been drinking
- has been involved in an accident

YOU KNOW THE SCORE

Approximately 1 in 7 deaths on Welsh roads involve drivers who are over the legal limit. The risk of being involved in an accident increases rapidly when alcohol is consumed.

The Morning After

A person can easily still be over the limit the morning after an evening's drinking:

- It can take over 10 hours to be alcohol free after drinking one bottle of wine.
- It can take up to 18 hours to be alcohol free after drinking four pints of strong lager or ale.

If caught driving over the limit the next morning, motorists face the same consequences as if they had been caught the night before.



ROAD SAFETY UNIT



Tackling drink driving together