

What you need to know about impaired driving in Michigan.

.08 BAC (Blood Alcohol Content)
Lower Limit...Tougher Law

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Ounces add up:

- Sampling several wines can quickly add up to the equivalent of a glass of wine.
- Know your limit – your blood alcohol content is influenced not only by the amount of alcohol you consume, but by your body weight, metabolism, gender and food consumption.

Here are some tips to limit your alcohol consumption at winery tasting rooms:

- Don't arrive at a winery with an empty stomach if you plan to taste wines.
- Some wineries sell cheese and snacks to complement your tasting.
- If you don't care for a particular style of wine, you can skip it and go on to wines you prefer.
- A one-ounce tasting is often enough for two people to share.
- If you don't need the entire sample to evaluate the wine, dispose of the remainder of the sample in the vessels provided on the tasting room counter.
- Designate a driver for your group. Michigan wineries have a lot to offer in addition to wine – beautiful vineyards, education, entertainment, food service and more. Your designated driver can enjoy all this and take home a bottle of wine to enjoy later.
- If you plan to visit several wineries in one day, take a break with lunch or a non-winery attraction in the area.

Why has Michigan Lowered the Impaired Driving Standard?

Fact: A person's driving skills are seriously compromised at .08 BAC.

Fact: According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a .08 Standard reduces traffic fatalities.

Fact: A .08 BAC law serves as an additional deterrent to driving drunk. It sends the message that Michigan is getting tougher on impaired driving.

Fines and Fees (for a first offense)

- up to 93 days in jail
- up to a \$500 fine
- up to 360 hours of community service
- up to 6 points on a driver's license
- up to 180-day license suspension

Other consequences:

- Convicted drunk drivers will also be subject to a new driver responsibility fine of \$1,000 for two consecutive years, for a total of \$2,000 in additional fines.
- Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension. For a second refusal in seven years, the suspension is increased to two years.

Although you may feel capable of driving at .08, you run serious risks to yourself and others on the road.

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