



2021 Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving: Cocktails-to-Go Fact Sheet

Nowadays, alcohol deliveries and cocktails-to-go are more prevalent in many establishments. The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants to remind drivers that, although alcohol is more mobile, it is always dangerous and illegal to drink and drive. Tragically, 10,142 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2019. To help save lives and change this terrible statistic, NHTSA is teaming up with local officials to remind drivers that *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*. If you are transporting alcohol, be sure it is unopened and remember that it is never okay to drink alcohol when driving. Always store alcohol in the trunk or the back seat. Read these stats and help NHTSA spread the message about the importance of sober driving.

Know the Facts

- Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations [BACs] at or above .08). Nationally, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, except in Utah, where the limit is .05 BAC. In 2019, approximately one person was killed every 52 minutes in a drunk-driving crash.
- If your community now allows alcoholic drinks for carryout, transport them in a leak-proof container in the trunk or back seat of your vehicle, leaving stickers and seals in place. No straws should be placed in the containers. Never drink while driving.
- [State/City drunk-driving statistics, if available.]

The Cost of Drunk Driving

- On average, a DUI can set you back \$10,000 in attorney's fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, and more.
- If you're caught drinking and driving, you can face jail time. Imagine trying to explain that to your friends and family or your place of employment.
- Drinking and driving can cause you to lose your driver's license and your vehicle. This could inhibit you from getting to work, resulting in lost wages and, potentially, job loss.
- The financial impact from impaired-driving crashes is devastating. Based on 2010 numbers (the most recent year for which cost data is available), impaired-driving crashes cost the United States \$44 billion annually.

For more information about the *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving* campaign, visit www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving.