

SMAT NEWSLETTER

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DRUNK DON'T DRIVE

Effects of Alcohol on Driving

- Increased Risk-Taking
- Slower Reaction Time
- Lack of Focus
- · Reduced Vision and Hearing

Alternatives Options to Avoid Driving After Drinking

- Use taxi services or ride-hailing apps (always consider safety)
- Contact a friend or family member to pick you up

Plan ahead, arranging for someone to pick you up or stay overnight.





SMAT CSR

- Participated in the "Drunk-Driving Victims Network Conference" to raise awareness of safe driving.
- Participated in the "Safe Songkran Road Safety" campaign organized by the Don't Drive Drunk Foundation to raise awareness and promote cautious driving during the Songkran Festival.



Laws and Penalties

Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Limits



- Drivers over 20 years old with a valid license (5-year or lifetime): Considered driving under the influence (DUI) if BAC exceeds 50 mg%.
- **Drivers under 20 years old or those with a temporary license:** Considered DUI if BAC **exceeds 20 mg%.**

50 mg% BAC is equivalent to one can of beer, one glass of wine or three caps of whiskey, depending on the individual's weight, gender and metabolism.

Legal Penalties

First Offense

- Imprisonment up to 1 year, a fine of 5,000 20,000 THB.
- Suspension of driving license for at least 6 months, or revocation.

Repeat Offense within 2 Years

- Imprisonment up to 2 years, a fine of 50,000 100,000 THB.
- Suspension of license for at least 1 year, or revocation.

Refusal to Take a Breathalyzer Test

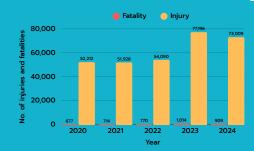
- Automatically considered DUI.
- Imprisonment up to 1 year, a fine of 10,000 20,000 THB.
- Suspension of license for at least 6 months, or revocation.
- Vehicle may be impounded for up to 7 days.

DUI Causing an Accident

 If leads to injury or death, the maximum penalty is 10 years' imprisonment, 200,000 THB fine, and immediate license revocation.

Voluntary motor insurance will not cover any damages that occur because it is considered illegal use of the vehicle.

Statistics on Drunk Driving



Over the past five years, the number of injuries and fatalities from drunk driving has continued to rise. In 2024, an average of 200 people were injured and 2 people died each day due to drunk driving accidents.

ource: Division of Injury Prevention, Department of Disease Contro