

# the RED CUP Q&A

separating alcohol fact from fiction

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95% of UA students didn't drive under the influence in the past 30 days. (2015 Health & Wellness Survey, n=2,705)

## Can you get a DUI if you are under a .08 BAC\*?

Yes, you can. Arizona is considered to have some of the strictest laws and consequences associated with driving under the influence. In 1990 Arizona adopted a zero tolerance law enacted for any controlled substance. The law states that if a person is **impaired to the slightest degree**, then they can be arrested and charged with a DUI.

What does impaired to the slightest degree mean? Officers are experienced in recognizing physical impairment such as erratic or illegal driving behaviors, lack of coordination and balance, slurred speech, and more. An officer can determine from their investigation (driving, first contact, field sobriety test) that an individual is impaired to the point that has impacted their ability to safely drive a car, and can be placed under arrest. BAC can be tested in the field or at the police station.

What are the consequences of a DUI? Costs?

- First Offense: Slightest Degree 0.08
  - Up to 10 days in jail

- Minimum \$250 fine and \$200 surcharge. Additional assessment charge \$1000
- Loss of license for 90-360 days.
- All individuals convicted of a DUI must have an ignition interlock system installed in their car for a year.
  - Costing roughly \$1000 in fees and installation.
- Missed work or school
- Stress related to getting places without a car
- Increased car insurance rates

Word to the wise: When you go out at night, have a plan on how you are going to get home. Whether you decide to crash at a friend's place, have a designated driver, or Uber, any of these options are cheaper than the consequences of driving under the influence.

A DUI ticketed 0.15 or above is considered an Extreme DUI and receives higher fines, jail time, and overall consequences.

\* Blood Alcohol Content.

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