

# the **RED CUP** Q&A

**separating alcohol fact from fiction**

## wildfact

**3:** The average number of drinks UA students have when they party. (2015 Health & Wellness Survey, n=2,705)

## If an officer stops a car in which a designated driver is driving (underage) drunk people, does he/she get in trouble?

We spoke with a veteran UAPD officer and this is what we confirmed: a sober designated driver (DD) will not be cited for having underage drinkers in the car. They will only be pulled over, and potentially cited, if they violate a traffic law (e.g. run a stop sign, have a light out, make an illegal turn, etc.).

If the officer suspects alcohol is involved, all occupants will be investigated. Everyone might be asked to take a breath test. If the DD is not impaired, he/she will not get in trouble for transporting underage drinkers. The drunk people might get cited for MIPs or, at minimum, referred to the Dean of Students' diversion program.

## What do I do if I get pulled over and I have been drinking?

Be honest and cooperate. You are required by law to provide your name, driver's license, proof of insurance, and car registration.

Police officers have discretion about what to do in any situation. Their main objective is to get unsafe drivers off the road. They might call a cab to get you home safely and have you leave your car where they stopped you. Or, they might arrest you.

Whether or not you perform a breathalyzer or field sobriety test, or even have a blood alcohol level under the legal limit (0.08), you can still be cited for a DUI based on signs, symptoms, and driving behavior. You can be cited for DUI even if impaired to the slightest degree.

Best choice? Use a designated driver or Uber it home safely.

Got a question about alcohol? Email it to [redcup@email.arizona.edu](mailto:redcup@email.arizona.edu)



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