

National Safety Council

Position/Policy Statement

Alcohol Impairment Concentrations

Every person, regardless of that person's experience with alcohol beverage consumption, is impaired in driving performance if that person's alcohol concentration is 0.08 or more. Research indicates that the ability of many individuals is impaired for driving and driving-related tasks at alcohol blood or breath concentrations below 0.08, and that for some individuals, impairment occurs at alcohol concentrations below 0.05. Therefore, at alcohol concentrations below 0.05, no statutory presumption regarding the presence or absence of alcohol influences should be made.