WILL YOU BE SAFE TO DRIVE THE MORNING AFTER?

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The Morning After

Many people will enjoy a few drinks as they watch the football this summer and most wouldn't even consider getting into their car and driving afterwards.

However, more and more people are being caught drink-driving the following morning. This is because it takes a lot longer than most people think for alcohol to pass through the body.

Because of this, there is a real risk that people who would not dream of drink-driving may still be over the limit, or unfit to drive, the 'morning after'. You could be driving to work the next morning or going shopping and still be over the limit. You could even be driving your children to school and still be unsafe to drive. Could you live with yourself if something happened?

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability

often without you realising! your reactions will still be slower and your driving affected to drive safely. Even if you are under the legal drink drive limit

avoid heavy drinking if you are driving the following day. The best advice is not to drink at all if you are driving, and to

When will you be safe to drive?

body. There's a rough guide on the opposite page to help you understand when your body is likely to be alcohol free, not simply under the drink-drive limit. It's really difficult to calculate how long it takes for alcohol to pass through the

- **One hour per unit** most experts agree that on average it takes around one hour for each unit of alcohol to pass through the
- body (although this can vary according to a number of factors).

 Add an hour it takes around an hour from when you start drinking for alcohol to be fully absorbed into the bloodstream.

 When you stop drinking the calculation should be from when you finish drinking.



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diseases low.

The new guidelines have been set at a level to keep the risk of cancers or other







6 glasses of 13% wine

6 pints of 4% beer

This is what 14 units looks like:

New Government guidelines are now the same for men and women. Both are advised not to regularly drink more than 14 units a week.

Did you know?





smartphone app to keep track of what you're drinking information. The 'Morning After' calculator helps you to add up the drinks you consumed the night before and gives you a rough calculation of when you may be safe to drive. Better still, why not download the Visit www.morning-after.org.uk for more while you're out.

After Calculator **The Morning**

alcoholic drinks to clear your body This is roughly how long it takes for different

Pints of beer or lager

takes at least 2.5 hours to leave your blood stream from when you stop drinking. **4% beers and lagers** - average strength beers and lagers are 2.5 - hour pints. Each pint

of lager you should not drive for at least 13 hours from finishing your last pint. If you finish at midnight, you may not be safe to drive until after 1pm the next day. 5% lagers and ciders - stronger lagers and ciders are 3 - hour pints. If you drink four pints

330ml bottles of 5% lager - bottles of this size and strength are 2 - hour bottles

275ml alcopops - are a 2 - hour drink. Drink five of these bottles and you should not drive for at least 11 hours. That's 11am the following day if you finish drinking at midnight.

Cans of beer or cider

A 440ml can of 5% cider or lager - is a 2.5 - hour drink.

Super strength cans - can be a whopping 7.5% - 9%. A 7.5% can is a 4 - hour drink. Drink five super-strength cans and you should not drive for about 21 hours - almost a full

Measures of spirits

leave your system whether your vodka's just on ice or in a large glass of orange juice. Pub measures vary. 25ml (one unit) used to be standard, but 35ml is now more common. It doesn't matter what mixer you use. The alcohol takes the same amount of time to

A 35ml shot - is 1.5 - hour drink. A 70ml double - is a 3 - hour drink.

If you are pouring spirits yourself you'll probably pour generous doubles, triples or more. Take this into account when calculating your hours. Drink four 70ml doubles and you

Glasses of Wine

There are several different wine glass sizes and wine comes in different strengths - from

A 250ml glass of 15% wine - is a 4 - hour drink.

Drink a bottle of 15% wine - just three 250ml glasses - and you should not drive for 13 hours - that's 1pm the next day if you finish at midnight.

