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DRINK-DRIVING: THE FACTS

Drinking alcohol and driving increases the risk of a road traffic crash

Above a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.05 g/dl, the risk of road traffic crash increases dramatically.



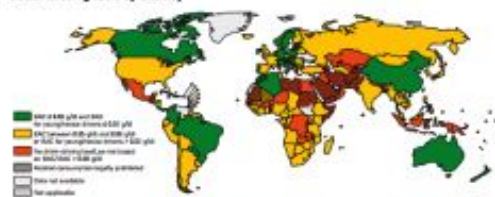
Drink-driving laws should be based on a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit of no more than:

- ✓ **0.05g/dl** for the general population
- ✓ **0.02g/dl** for young or novice drivers

34 countries have a drink-driving law in line with best practice.



Drink-driving laws by country



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MOTORCYCLE HELMETS: THE FACTS

Wearing a motorcycle helmet correctly can result in:

- 40%** Reduction to risk of death
- 70%** Reduction to risk of severe injury

Most motorcycle deaths are a result of head injuries.

44 countries have a good helmet law covering:

- All users
- All roads & engine types
- Require helmet to be fastened
- Apply a helmet standard



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CHILD RESTRAINTS: THE FACTS

Child restraints reduce the likelihood of a fatal crash by:

- Approx. **70%** among infants
- Between **54%-80%** among young children

53 countries have a child restraint law that:

- Is based on age, weight, height
- Restricts children from sitting in the front seat

This covers **1.2 billion** people



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SEAT-BELTS: THE FACTS

Wearing a seat-belt reduces the risk of a fatal injury by:



Seat-belt laws should cover both front and rear seat occupants

This covers **4.8 billion people**

105 countries have good seat-belt laws in line with best practice



Seat-belt laws by country



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SPEED: THE FACTS



A 5% cut in average speed can result in...

30% reduction in the number of fatal crashes.

When motorized traffic mixes with pedestrians and cyclists, the speed limit should be under 30km/h.



47 countries

- ✓ have implemented an urban speed limit of 50km/h or less...
- ✓ ...and allow local authorities to reduce these limits.



Urban speed laws by country



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