Impaired Driving:  
Drinking, Drug Use & other Risky Behaviours 
Selected Bibliography

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This bibliography presents a selection of materials primarily from the CAMH Library on the topic of impaired driving, including recreational vehicles, with a focus on Ontario and Canada. Internet resources and sites are included. Its purpose is to serve as an introduction and overview of the topic, not an in depth literature review.

Available online at: http://www.camh.net/camh_library Bibliographies and Guides.

Terminology

Other terms for Impaired Driving:
Driving Under the Influence, Drinking and Driving, Driving while Impaired, Drunk Driving, DWI and Drugs and Driving

BAC = Blood Alcohol Concentration

Current Legal BAC Limit (Canada):  80 mg% = .08 grams% = 0.8 mg/ml

Legislation Update

Drug Impaired Driving, effective July 2008
Recent legislation that amends the Criminal Code entitled the Tackling Violent Crime Act empowers police to broaden roadside impairment checks to include a Standardized Field Sobriety Test which checks for physical coordination. If found impaired, the driver must then submit to a mandatory Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) which involves providing a bodily fluid sample for analysis. Previous to this legislation, drivers had to agree to the DEC. In addition, new and more prohibitive penalties have been introduced. 
For a good overview, see the Legislative Summary prepared by the Library of Parliament: http://www.parl.gc.ca/39/2/parlbus/chambus/house/bills/summaries/c2-e.pdf

Resources are listed under the following headings:
- Historical Information
- General Readings
- Aggressive Driving and Road Rage
- Countermeasures / Law
- Prevention
- Treatment / Rehabilitation
- Statistical Reports
- For the Public
- Web Sites
Historical Information


Reviews key studies, which define the extent of alcohol involvement in traffic accidents, and the development of BAC limits for drivers.


See the Introduction for a brief overview of the development of the state of the knowledge from the early 1960s and the significant strategies to combat the alcohol crash problem.

General Readings


**Aggressive Driving and Road Rage**


**Countermeasures / Law**


Available at: [http://www.icap.org](http://www.icap.org). See Publications, ICAP Reports. For a more up-to-date table, go to Policy Issues – Drinking and Driving. See BAC Table, updated Feb. 2007.

**C-2 Announcement Backgrounder (Bill C-2, Tackling Violent Crime).** Ottawa, ON: CCSA, 2008.

Backgrounder to the CCSA News Release June 25, 2008, **New law puts alcohol and drugs on an equal footing in roadside checks for impaired driving, and promises to reduce driving “high”**. [http://www.ccsa.ca](http://www.ccsa.ca)


Fell, James C. and Robert B. Voas. The effectiveness of reducing illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limits for driving: evidence for lowering the limit to .05 BAC. *Journal of Safety Research* 37 (3): 233-43 (2006)


Prevention


Operation Lookout; Program Guide. Brampton, ON: Against Drunk Driving (ADD), 1995. HE 5620 D7 O64 1995


Treatment / Rehabilitation


**Remedial Measures, Back on Track Program for Impaired Drivers** (Ontario) [http://www.remedial.net](http://www.remedial.net)

See brief description in section For the Public.


**Statistical Reports**


Road Safety Monitor Reports. Traffic Injury Research Foundation of Canada (TIRF): Ottawa, ON. Based on the annual Road Safety Monitor national public opinion survey of drivers. Topics vary and include Drugs and Driving. See the TIRF website, http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com and/or check the CAMH Library catalogue.


For the Public


The Third edition, Smashed: Again…and again is now available online at Transport Canada’s website.

Pamphlets from CAMH: Available online or call 1-800-463-6273, or 416-595-6111

Do You Know…Alcohol, Other Drugs and Driving

Test Your Road Rage. Toronto: Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Ontario Provincial Police. Card: Test with scoring on one side, Tips on the reverse.

Remedial Measures, Back on Track Program for Impaired Drivers
All persons charged with impaired driving in Ontario since 1998 must complete the Back on Track Program, available through selected alcohol & drug treatment services throughout Ontario. For information, visit the Web site, http://www.remedial.net or call 1-888-814-5831, Toronto: 416-595-6593. After completion, some clients may require a medical assessment to initiate license reinstatement.

Web Sites

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Canada: http://www.madd.ca


OCCID (Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving): http://www.occid.org

Ontario Ministry of Transportation: http://www.mto.gov.on.ca

Traffic Injury Research Foundation: http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com

Transport Canada: http://www.tc.gc.ca

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