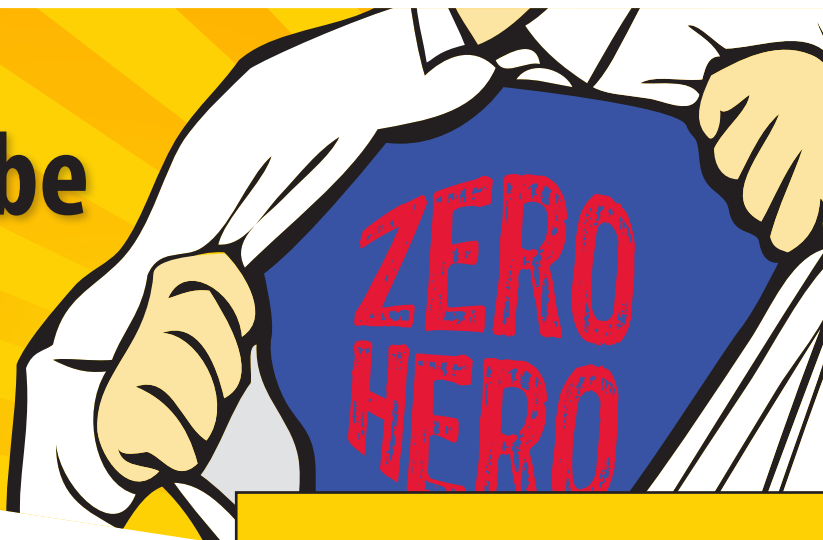


# It's time to be a Zero Hero



## What does this mean for me?

### Caught between the new limit and the old limit (0 - 0.03 BAC):

For those drivers under 20 who decide to take the risk and are caught driving at the former legal limit (up to 0.03 BAC) there will be consequences. **Drivers will be fined \$200 and 50 demerit points will go against their licence.** You lose your licence for three months if you clock up 100 or more demerit points within a two year period.

**Caught over the old limit (0.03 BAC):** The penalties get really serious from here. If you are caught with a blood alcohol concentration of more than 0.03 **you will be fined up to \$2,250 or even jailed for up to three months.** You're disqualified for three months or more from driving too.

**Caught over the current adult limit (0.08 BAC):** It won't matter that you are under age if you are caught driving over the adult limit of 0.08 BAC, **you will be penalised exactly the same as an adult.** This will mean there could be a **fine of up to \$4,500 or imprisonment for up to three months and of course you'll lose your licence for six months or more.**

If your BAC level is over 0.13 then the police can suspend your licence there and then, on the roadside. The more times you are caught the higher the penalties go.

## Why is this important to me?

For decades SADD has been lobbying to reduce the youth limit to zero – we've done so because we know it will save lives. The changes coming into effect this year recognise that even a small amount of alcohol can impair your driving.

## The law is changing.

As of August 7, 2011, drivers under the age of 20 must have **NO** alcohol in their system. No more guess work, no figuring out how many beers keeps you under the limit – from this day on, according to law, **one beer is too many.**



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Young drivers already have more to cope with than older drivers when they are behind the wheel; they are less experienced and more likely to be involved in a crash than adults – even when they are sober. **15-19 year olds are more likely to die in a car crash than by any other cause** – it doesn't seem like sound judgement to throw alcohol into that mix!

Crashes where young drivers (15-19 years old) were at fault resulted in 60 deaths and 385 serious injuries last year alone. **48% of those people who died were in crashes where alcohol was a factor.**

### What is the BAC conversion?

BAC alcohol level	BAC 0.03	BAC 0.08	BAC 0.13
Alcohol per 100ml of blood	30mg	80mg	130mg
Alcohol per litre of breath	150mcg	400mcg	650mcg

**zero alcohol – zero tolerance – zero crashes – zero deaths**

Our source of info: Ministry of Transport. To find out more information about these changes go to <http://www.transport.govt.nz/>  
Further information can also be found at the NZ Transport Agency <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/>

