

Worst Driving Under Influence (DUI) Laws around the world**Worst Driving under Influence (DUI) laws around the world****November 7th, 2012**

“The reasons for not drinking and driving should be easy to understand but that does not stop people from doing it every day all across the world. The warnings for drinking and driving are clear, the punishments and horror stories from DUI’s are public knowledge, yet people do it anyway assuming they will not get caught. Many slip under the radar unless they are speeding or get into an accident. When people do get caught though here are some of the worst DUI laws around the world:

Asia:—

*Asia has strict rules in place surrounding the consumption of alcohol. In regards to driving after drinking most countries in Asia follow a 0.05% or less limit, with only two countries allowing up to a 0.08%. This means that in most of the Asian continent one can only consume one alcohol beverage or less without being at risk for DUI charges. **The punishment for drinking and driving in Asia is normally jail time; however Pakistan visitors will find that drinking at any time can land them behind bars.***

Europe:—

Europe has a high drinking rate, as it is the acceptable thing to do in many social settings, but a low DUI rate. The punishments are not the strictest in the world yet the people seem to frown on DUI and simply do not do it. The BAC limits in the continent vary widely with Romanian allowing zero

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and Ireland allowing 0.08%. The limits in Ireland were actually lowered to 0.08%. **The exception to the lax drinking views in Europe is Bulgaria, where a second DUI offense is a death sentence. Europe does not condone drinking and driving, and its population seems to know the meaning of moderation better than other continents.**

Central America:—

*El Salvador has the worst DUI law by far. Having a drink and getting behind the wheel is a decision that people there do not have to think long and hard about. **Drinking and driving will lead the offender straight to the firing squad.***

Africa:—

*While there is not a lot of information in regards to Africa as a whole, **South Africa has one of the highest DUI rates in the world, with over 45% of all non-natural deaths occurring from drinking and driving. South Africa does have a 0.08% limit but with members of the police and politicians frequently being found guilty of the crime there seems to be a disregard for the rules. Blood samples must be taken in South Africa for a person to be criminally prosecuted; however a person can still be charged and given community service as a punishment.***

Australia:—

Australia is strict with its DUI laws and frequently conducts sobriety check points and random breathalysers on drivers throughout the continent. Drivers under the age of 25-years—

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old or drivers of commercial vehicles have a zero tolerance mandate, while other drivers have a 0.05% limit. Victorian officials are allowed to test BAC and charge a person with DUI up to three hours after driving.

North America:—

*Canada, Mexico, and The United States all have a 0.08% BAC limit applying to most drivers. **Jail time, fines, and license revocation are the most popular punishments with jail normally resulting from a repeat offense.** The US also imposes a zero tolerance policy for minors. The law in the US states that a person must willingly submit to a BAC test, however not agreeing to one usually brings about a worse punishment for the offender. North America may not be doing enough to deter drivers from driving under the influence as they have high DUI rates compared to other continents, with South America still holding the lead.*

Antarctica:—

Unless the penguins are having alcohol shipments air dropped in to their recently built DMV alcohol laws here are not necessary.

South America:—

*South America seems to follow its northern counterpart, with the exception of Cuba and Panama where anything over 0.0% is not tolerated. **Some countries even confiscate the offender's license plates to keep them off the road.***