Reducing Alcohol-Impaired Driving: 0.08% Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Laws

Task Force Finding

Intervention Definition

These laws establish the illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 g/dL for drivers aged 21 years and older (lower BAC levels are established for drivers 20 years old and younger).

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The 0.08% BAC laws are strongly recommended based on their effectiveness in reducing alcohol-related crash fatalities in the United States. No harms or other potential benefits were reported and no qualifying economic information was identified from the literature.

*From the following publication:

Publications


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