

# Deterring Drunk Driving: Responses to the Problem

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## Legislative Responses

- ✓ Reducing the legal limit of *per se* violations
- ✓ Requiring drivers to submit to blood alcohol testing when arrested for OWI
- ✓ Raising the minimum legal drinking age
- ✓ Prohibiting open alcohol containers in moving vehicles
- ✓ Requiring drivers and passengers to wear seat belts
- ✗ Increasing the severity of penalties for drunk driving



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- ✓ Remedies that Wisconsin has already adopted.
- Remedies that evidence shows are effective that Wisconsin has not adopted.
- ✗ Remedies that evidence shows have limited or no effectiveness.



## Enforcement Responses

- Increasing the number of police stops of suspected drunk drivers during high-risk times of day
- Conducting sobriety checkpoints
- ✓ Training police officers to detect impaired drivers
- ✓ Using preliminary breath testing devices



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## Administrative Licensing Responses

- ✓ Suspending or revoking driver licenses administratively
- ✓ Imposing graduated licensing systems for young drivers
- ❑ Impounding, immobilizing, or confiscating the vehicles of drunk drivers
- ❑ Confiscating license plates from convicted drunk drivers



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## Sanctioning Convicted Drunk Drivers

- ❑ Requiring convicted drunk drivers to install electronic ignition locks on their vehicles
- ✓ Requiring convicted drunk drivers to complete alcohol assessment, counseling, or treatment programs
- ❑ Confining convicted drivers to their homes



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## Sanctioning Convicted Drunk Drivers

- ✗ Incarcerating convicted drunk drivers
- ✗ Fining convicted drunk drivers
- ✗ Recovering law enforcement costs from drunk drivers
- ✗ Requiring convicted drunk drivers to listen to victim impact panels



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## Monitoring Drunk Drivers

- ❑ Closely monitoring high-risk drunk drivers



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## Reducing Alcohol Consumption

- Reducing the consumption of alcohol
- Suing alcohol beverage servers for serving intoxicated patrons who then drive and cause traffic injuries
- Training alcohol beverage servers to recognize signs of impairment and enforcing laws prohibiting serving impaired patrons
- Enforcing laws prohibiting serving minors and intoxicated persons
- Prohibiting drive-up alcohol sales



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## Public Education

- Discouraging drinking and driving through public education and awareness campaigns
- Providing driver education courses in high school



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## Alternative Transportation

- Providing alternative transportation options to drinking drivers



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## Environmental Design

- Locating licensed establishments in areas that reduce the need for patrons to drive
- Relaxing or staggering mandatory bar closing times



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