

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **Drunken Driving in Wisconsin Is... DSP118**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Drunken Driving in Wisconsin Is... DSP118, Wis. Stat. ss 346, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DSP118>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of State Patrol  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor South  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsin.gov](http://wisconsin.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

### **AGENCY CONTACT**

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## Drunken driving in Wisconsin is...

### Prevalent:

- There were approximately 24,000 convictions for drunken driving offenses in Wisconsin in 2015.

### Deadly:

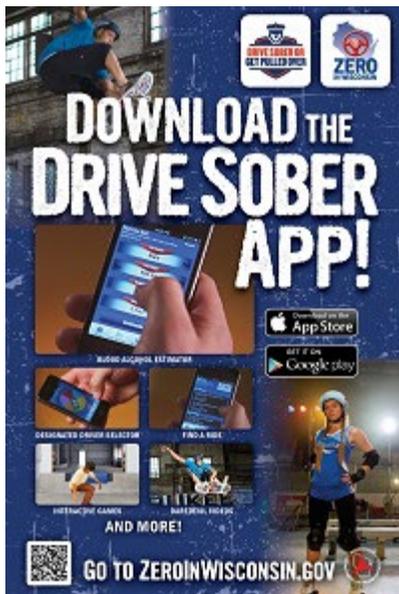
- Alcohol-related crashes killed 190 people in Wisconsin and injured nearly 2,900 in 2015.

## Expensive and embarrassing:

- Choosing to drive while impaired by alcohol or other drugs could be a decision you'll regret the rest of your life.
- If you're arrested, you can lose your license as well as a huge amount of money.
- Repeat drunken driving offenders face imprisonment.
- If you hurt or kill someone in a crash you could face extremely serious charges, like negligent homicide or operating while intoxicated (OWI) causing injury.
- Refuse a blood/breath alcohol concentration (BAC) test and you will lose your license on the spot for at least one year and you may have your car impounded.
- Wisconsin laws include mandatory installation of ignition interlock devices on all vehicles owned by anyone convicted of first offense operating while intoxicated (OWI) with an alcohol content of 0.15 or higher as well as second or subsequent offense OWI.
- If you drive drunk with a child under age 16 in the vehicle, the penalties will double.
- If you have two prior drunken driving convictions and have a BAC over 0.17, the penalties are multiplied.

## Entirely preventable:

- Download the Zero in Wisconsin Drive Sober mobile app.
- Choose a sober designated driver before you start drinking.
- If you're feeling buzzed, you likely are over the 0.08 limit and should not drive.
- Rather than risk an arrest, or even worse a crash, take mass transit, a taxicab or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Save a life - don't let your friends drive drunk.
- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons with a safe ride home. Visit [www.tlw.org](http://www.tlw.org).
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement or call 911.



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