

Tips for Avoiding an Orange County DUI

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Drinking and driving can have serious consequences for both you, as the driver, and the public. Although it is important that you know [OC DUI checkpoint laws](#) and how to [fight a DUI charge](#), it is equally important to know how you can avoid getting a DUI. The following information is compiled so that you can make an informed decision before getting behind a wheel after drinking.

The state of California has set laws stating that it is illegal to operate a vehicle if your blood alcohol concentration, or BAC, is .08% or higher. California Highway Patrol has provided individuals with an easy to read [BAC chart](#) that shows how body weight and drinks can alter a person's BAC levels. Below are a few tips that can help keep you safe and avoid a DUI charge:

- **Designate a driver** – alternate with friends so one person isn't stuck not having fun
- **Hail a cab** – call one for round trip or leave your vehicle, call a taxi and return the next morning to pick up your vehicle
- **Stay put** – spend the night at a friend's house to avoid driving drunk
- **Walk home** – if you live close, walk to and from where you will be drinking; make sure to stay in well-lit areas and travel with a friend for added safety
- **Buy a breathalyzer machine** – it can help you make a decision, especially if you are close to or over the legal limit
- **Fix your car** – officers must have a reason to pull you over other than just being suspicious of a DUI; ensure car and lights are in proper working order

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