

## Teacher Notes

### Accident Scene Poster

One of the most serious problems that alcohol presents to society is accidents caused by driving under the influence.

The legal limit for alcohol use by drivers under 21 is .02%. The legal limit for alcohol use for adults 21 and older is .08%. These percentages are called the Blood Alcohol Concentration or BAC.

However, it is very important to note that the legal limit does not relate to the point when intoxication occurs or the point when impairment occurs. These numbers relate only to the legal aspect of drinking and driving.

It is also important to note that in all states there is an additional clause in the law that provides a police officer, judge, or magistrate the right to make a charge or convict someone of an OVI (Operating a Vehicle under the Influence) if there is other evidence of impairment.

For example, if a driver who is over 21 is involved in an accident and has a BAC of .06, they can still be charged with an OVI due to the accident. Another example, a teenager may be stopped for speeding and have a BAC of .01 and still be charged with OVI due to the dangerous situation caused by excessive speeding.

#### **REFERENCES:**

Ohio OVI DUI Law Website

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