

In an average year, about 800 drivers will be convicted of drinking and driving in Gloucestershire. That's 15 people each and every week who have to face the personal and social consequences of losing their licence and paying a heavy fine - but the cost of drinking and driving for many are far more difficult to live with.

Before you go drinking, think about how you will get home and whether you may be affected the following day. Remember, when driving, there is no safe limit, so leave the car at home.

### To avoid the problem:

- Never offer an alcoholic drink to a driver
- Stick to non-alcoholic and soft drinks
- Arrange for someone who is not drinking to drive
- Take a taxi
- Use public transport

### Stay overnight

Legal Alcohol Limits for Drivers in Great Britain are:

- 80 milligrammes (mg) of alcohol per 100 millilitres (ml) of blood (80mg/100ml), or
- 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100ml of breath, or 107 mg of alcohol per 100ml of urine

The limit has remained unchanged since its introduction by the Road Safety Act 1967, which also gave the police powers to breath-test drivers suspected of drink driving.