

PER I TURISTI STRANIERI: GUIDARE IN ITALIA



BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL LIMITS – DRUGS

The general legal limit of alcohol in the blood of drivers is 0.5 g/l (0.05%).

Penalties for drink-driving ([article 186, paragraph 2, letters a\), b\), c\), Italian Highway Code](#)) are as follows: 527 to 6,000 Euros depending on the blood alcohol level; driving ban or cancellation of driving licence; imprisonment up to 1 year.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: - 10 out of 20 full starting points.

A special limit of 0.00% applies for new drivers (holding a licence for less than 3 years), young drivers aged up to 21 and [professional drivers](#).

FINES for new drivers, young drivers aged up to 21 and professional drivers (art. 186bis, paragraph 2, Italian Highway Code) are as follows: 164 to 659 Euros, in case the blood alcohol level is more than 0 and up to 0,5 g/l. In case the driver causes an accident, penalties are doubled. PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: - 5 out of 20 full starting points

In case the driver breaches the above mentioned [art.186](#), paragraphs 2, letter a, Italian Highway Code, penalties are increased by a third. In case the driver breaches the above mentioned [art.186](#), paragraphs 2, letter b and c, Italian Highway Code, penalties are increased from a third to a half.

For the drivers indicated in [article 186-bis, paragraph 1, letter d, Highway Code](#), and for all the other drivers who repeat the offence within three years, the driving license is cancelled in case the blood alcohol level is more than 1,5 g/l.

Drivers under the age of 18 years, if caught with a blood alcohol level of more than 0 and up to 0,5 g/l, cannot obtain a category B driving license before turning 19. In case the blood alcohol level is more than 0,5 g/l, they cannot obtain a B license before turning 21.

How much can you drink to avoid exceeding a blood alcohol level of 0.5g/l? [There is no 'safe' alcohol level at the wheel.](#)

Driving under the influence of narcotics and psychotropic substances is forbidden.

PENALTIES for driving under the influence of narcotics and psychotropic substances (art. 187, Italian Highway Code) are as follows: 1,500 to 6,000 Euros + from 6 to 12 months' imprisonment.

[After being found guilty, from 1 to 2 years of driving ban also applies.](#)

PENALTY POINTS: - 10 out of 20 full starting points.

