

Alcohol Interlock Seminar

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Psychoactive substances (mainly alcohol) and road unsafety in the EU


In the EU nearly 25% of road crashes would be due to drink-driving and/or drugged-driving (about 7,500 persons killed per year).

In most of those accidents drink-driving is the issue, even if other substances like medicines and drugs constitute a growing problem.

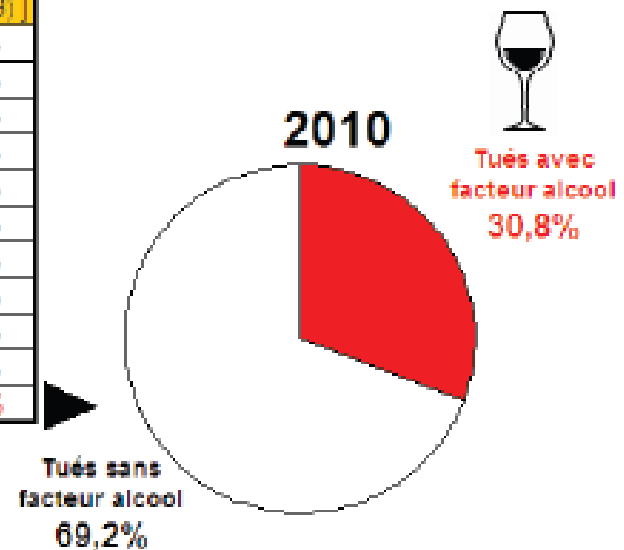
What is the French situation ?



Alcohol in road crashes in France



	Tués dans des accidents avec facteur alcool...			Total [S=A+B+C]	Taux de contrôle à l'alcool [(A+B)/S]	Taux de mise en cause alcool [A / (A+B)]
	...connu, positif [A]	...connu, négatif [B]	...indéterminé [C]			
2000	1618	3839	2915	8170	64%	30,6%
2001	1661	3450	3142	8253	62%	32,5%
2002	1389	3181	3172	7742	59%	30,4%
2003	1122	2406	2598	6126	50%	31,6%
2004	990	2151	2452	5593	56%	31,5%
2005	934	2995	1389	5318	74%	23,8%
2006	1043	2507	1159	4709	76%	29,4%
2007	1031	2471	1118	4620	76%	29,4%
2008	933	2360	982	4275	77%	28,3%
2009	1018	2379	876	4273	79%	30,0%
2010	963	2160	869	3992	70%	30,8%
Delta% de 2009 à 2010	-5,4%	-9,2%	-0,8%	-6,6%		



Drink-driving countermeasures

- Well known
- Mandatory alcohol testing for drivers involved in road crashes, especially in case of death or severe injury
- Random road side checks: 11 millions last year in France(130,000 above the BAC limit)
- Targeted checks: close to the discos, etc..
- Mandatory presence of alcohol testing devices in discos or other places (closing between 2 and 7 am) in France of 1st of December 2011



Alcohol interlock (1)

- In the meeting of the Interministerial Commission for Road Safety in February 2008, the decision was taken to fit school buses with alcohol interlocks
- An experiment has been carried out at the end of 2009 in order to consider all the issues:
 - 6 companies (300 vehicles were equipped)
 - 3 different devices from 3 different providers (companies were free to choose the provider)



Alcohol interlock (2)

- New buses and coaches used for school transport and allowed in traffic as of the 1st of January 2010 must be fitted with alcohol interlocks
- As of the 1st of September 2015 all buses or coaches used for school transport will have to be equipped with an alcohol interlock (retrofitting)



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Alcohol interlock: perspectives

- A law has been adopted in March 2011 aiming at better tackling drink-driving
- in case a driver is caught with a BAC of more than 0,8 g/l the judge can impose the following sentence as a complementary penalty: driving only allowed if the vehicle is fitted with an alcohol interlock
- duration between 6 months and 5 years. If the driver doesn't respect this obligation → fine up to 4,500 € and imprisonment up to 2 years



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Alcohol interlock: questions to be shared

- In countries which have already or will soon implemented such a measure:

- Are re-tests mandatory? What happens in case the driver refuses to perform them?

- Do these countries organise a monitoring? If yes what kind of monitoring?

- Which body or organisation does analyse the data downloaded and with which aim? Rehabilitation?



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