The drink driving situation in Finland

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Drink driving legislation in Finland

- Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for drink driving is 0,5 per mille
- Driving under influence drugs is also drink driving in Finnish legislation
- Random breath testing allowed
- Alcohol interlock devices for drink driving offenders since year 2005
- Alcohol interlocks mandatory in all chartered school and day care transports since year 2011
Drink drivers in traffic flow
BAC at least 0,5 per mille

Source: Police’s annual breath test survey
Killed in accidents involving intoxicant

Source: Statistics Finland
Injured in accidents involving intoxicant

Source: Statistics Finland

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Killed and injured in alcohol drunk driving accidents, average 2012 - 2016

Source: Statistics Finland

ETSC SMART policies for tackling drink driving
Self-reported drive after drinking alcohol in past 12 months

Source: ESRA survey, 2015
Checked by the police for alcohol at least once in the past 12 months

Source: ESRA survey, 2015
Checked by the police for the use of drugs/medication at least once in the past 12 months

Source: ESRA survey, 2015
“Where you live, how acceptable would most other people say it is for a driver to drive when they think they may have had too much to drink?”

Share of scores 4 and 5 on scale 1 (unacceptable) - 5 (acceptable)

Source: ESRA survey, 2015
“How acceptable do you, personally, feel it is for a driver to drive when you think you may have had too much to drink?”

Share of scores 4 and 5 on scale 1 (unacceptable) - 5 (acceptable)

Source: ESRA survey, 2015