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What you need to know about the Breathalyser:



The Breathalyser Is In Effect In Trinidad & Tobago

The amendment to the Motor Vehicle Road and Traffic Act has stipulated a prescribed legal limit on the volume of alcohol permitted in the blood of any driver operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle on the roads of Trinidad & Tobago.

This will decrease the carnage on our roads by reducing the number of alcohol impaired drivers who place themselves and others at risk daily.

The legislation imposes serious fines and imprisonment if any driver is found guilty of an offence under the legislation.



What Is The Legal Limit ?

The legal limit set is 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100ml of breath.

A driver's blood alcohol level will be detected by breathing into a breathalyser - a hand held field sobriety testing device administered by a police or licensing officer.



What If I Am Over The Limit ?

If your breath sample registers a level over the stated **legal limit of 35 micrograms**, the officer will take a second breath sample from an "evidential" unit which prints a ticket stating the time, date, alcohol level, officer's name and badge number etc..

At that time you will be given a date for your court hearing.

What If I Refuse The Test ?

Refusing to provide a breath sample as requested by the officer will result in **your arrest without a warrant**.

Is It Sanitary?

Yes, each person is supplied with an **individual mouthpiece** which is wrapped in a sealed plastic sleeve and opened in front of you.

The officer may request that you personally break the seal.

What Are The Penalties ?



1st Conviction

\$ 8,000 or 3 years' imprisonment

2nd Conviction

\$ 15,000 or 5 years' imprisonment
& driving suspension for 3 years

3rd Conviction

Licence revocation

What You Can Do

If you know you will be drinking:

1. Designate a driver
2. Use a private taxi or shuttle service.
Alternatively, spend the night at a friend's place or a nearby hotel or guest-house
3. Remember it takes the average human liver 1 hour to process 1 drink out of its bloodstream
4. Encourage friends and family members not to drive if they have been drinking



**What
You Can Do**

DON'T RISK IT!

**Other Road Users' Safety
Depends On Your Choices.**

10 Rules For A Safe Journey

1. Conduct regular maintenance of your vehicle
2. Buckle up every time
3. Drive sober
4. Obey speed limits
5. Do not drive when tired
6. Avoid distractions - switch off your phone
7. Respect pedestrians
8. Give yourself enough time for your journey
9. Drive with caution
10. Arrive Alive!



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