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# Can I drive after drinking alcohol?

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Don't drink or use drugs and then drive - the laws against this are strictly enforced in New Zealand and the penalties are severe.

- For drivers under 20 years old, there is a zero alcohol limit. This means you are not entitled to drive if there is any alcohol in your blood or breath.
- For drivers over 20, see the [New Zealand Police Website](#) for current alcohol limits.

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