

STAGES OF INTOXICATION

<i>BAC Level</i>	<i>Stage</i>	<i>Clinical Symptoms</i>
<i>0.01 – 0.05</i>	<i>Sub-Clinical</i>	<i>Behavior nearly normal</i>
<i>0.03 – 0.12</i>	<i>Euphoria</i>	<i>Mild euphoria • sociability • talkativeness • increased self-confidence • lowered inhibitions • difficulty concentrating • poor judge and control • beginning loss of sensory-motor impairment • loss of efficiency in fine motor skills • bright color in face</i>
<i>0.09 – 0.25</i>	<i>Excitement</i>	<i>Emotional instability • senses are dulled • loss of critical judgment • impaired perception, memory and comprehension • decreased sensory response slower reaction time • visual activity becomes blurry • sensory-motor in-coordination • impaired balance • drowsiness</i>
<i>0.18 – 0.03</i>	<i>Confusion</i>	<i>Disorientation • mental confusion • dizziness • exaggerated emotional states • disturbance of vision and perception • increase pain threshold increase muscular in-coordination • staggering gait • slurred speech • apathy • sleepiness</i>
<i>.025 – 0.40</i>	<i>Stupor</i>	<i>General inertia • approaching loss of motor functions • markedly decreased response to stimuli • marked muscular in-coordination • inability to stand or walk vomiting • incontinence • impaired consciousness • sleep or stupor</i>
<i>0.35 – 0.50</i>	<i>Coma</i>	<i>Complete unconsciousness • depressed or abolished reflexes • subnormal body temperature • incontinence • impaired circulation and respiration • slow pulse • possible death</i>
<i>.045 – 0.50</i>	<i>Death</i>	<i>Death can occur from respiratory arrest</i>

When a person ingests alcohol there are definite visible changes that occur. An increase in a person's BAC level can be tracked in stages. This chart is a generally accepted guide that identifies the stages of intoxication developed by K.M. Dubowski, Ph.D. one of the leading experts on the medico legal aspects of alcohol use in the United States.



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