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Report calls for major drink-driving review - RAC statement

Following the publication of a <u>report from the Parliamentary Advisory Council</u> <u>for Transport Safety (PACTS)</u> which calls for a comprehensive review into drink-driving in the UK, RAC road safety spokesman Simon Williams said:

"This report really moves the debate on when it comes to drink-driving in the UK. The plain fact is that there has been virtually no progress in reducing drink-driving deaths for nearly a decade, so something different clearly needs to be done.

"Arguably, given that England and Wales now have the dubious distinction of having the most lenient drink-drive limit in Europe, there is also a good case for the Government to examine the merits of bringing it down. A lower limit is something our research shows the majority of drivers would be in favour of.

"Seeing as the level of reoffending is so high, we believe this needs to be tackled as a matter of urgency. A year and a half ago the Government said it was looking at the benefits so-called 'alcolocks' to reduce reoffending, so it is high time a clear plan was put together that sets out how this technology will be now introduced to reduce future deaths. ongoing issue around enforcement and giving the police the resources they need also needs attention, especially as the report shows drink-driving goes hand-in-hand with drug-taking."

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