



Dangers of Drinking and Driving

Did You Know?

Every 2-hours, three people are killed in alcohol-related highway crashes.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Transportation Safety Administration alcohol-related highway crashes account for approximately 15,000 deaths each year. That's over 40 percent of all highway related fatalities.

The consequences of drinking and driving:

- Arrests
- Lost of employment
- Property damage
- Injuries
- Deaths

It's the beginning of the summer season and we are all looking to have some fun in the sun. Golfing, barbecues, pool parties and family vacations, all things we look forward to enjoying. Don't let alcohol get in the way. The Crime Prevention Section would like to give you the following tips on how to intervene if someone you know is about to drink and drive:

- If the person is a close friend, try to use a soft, calm approach at first. Suggest that he/she had too much to drink and it would be better to let someone else drive or to take a cab.
- Be calm. Joke about it. Make light of it.
- Try to make it sound like you are doing them a favor.
- If the person is somebody you don't know well, speak to their friends and have them make an attempt to persuade him/her to hand over the keys. Usually, he or she will listen.
- If the person is a good friend, spouse or significant other, tell him/her that if they insist on driving, you are not going with them. Tell them you will call someone else for a ride, take a cab or walk.
- Locate the person's keys while he/she is preoccupied and take them away. Most likely, he or she will think they lost the keys and will be forced to find another mode of transportation.
- If possible, avoid embarrassing the person or being confrontational. This makes them appear vulnerable to alcohol and its effects.

*Arrive Alive.
Don't Drink and Drive.*