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Drunk and Drugged Driving

Every day, 36 people in the United States die, and approximately 700 more are injured, in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver.

The Problem

- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), about three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.
- In 2006, 13,470 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for nearly one-third (32%) of all traffic-related deaths in the United States.
- In one year, over 1.4 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. This accounts for less than 1% of the 159 million self-reported episodes of alcohol-impaired driving among U.S. adults each year.
- Alcohol-related crashes in the United States cost about \$51 billion a year.



Protect Yourself and Your Family and Friends

During the holiday season, and year-round, take steps to make sure that you and everyone you celebrate with avoids driving under the influence of alcohol. Following these tips from NHTSA can help you stay safe:

- **Plan ahead.** Always designate a non-drinking driver before any holiday party or celebration begins.
- **Take the keys.** Do not let a friend drive if they are impaired.
- **Be a helpful host.** If you're hosting a party this holiday season, remind your guests to plan ahead and designate their sober driver, always offer alcohol-free beverages, and make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.



Know How Communities Can Help

Proven community and state-level methods for reducing alcohol-impaired driving include:

- **Sobriety checkpoints.** Studies found that fatal crashes thought to involve alcohol dropped by about 22% following implementation of sobriety checkpoints.
- **Minimum legal drinking age (MLDA) laws.** Studies found that raising the MLDA to 21 reduced crashes by about 16% among people ages 18-20 years.
- **0.08% BAC laws.** Fatal alcohol-related crashes declined about 7% after 0.08% BAC laws were passed.
- **"Zero tolerance" laws for young drivers.** Three studies found that zero tolerance laws resulted in declines in fatal crashes among drivers ages 18-20 years of between 9% and 24%.
(Courtesy CDC)

IF IT'S NOT SAFE- DON'T DO IT!

SOMEONE IS EXPECTING YOU HOME TODAY

*Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done. -
Harriet Beecher Stowe*

Bannock County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force

Goals:

- ◆ To promote a community network of effective prevention, intervention, and treatment for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault; and
- ◆ Examine how agencies, departments, and the courts in Bannock County respond to domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault in order to provide a coordinated community response.
- ◆ Facilitate continued cooperation and coordination among all participants in the criminal justice system and civil system who deal with domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault.
- ◆ Make recommendations to agencies, departments, the courts, and others regarding improving their response to domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault.
- ◆ Encourage participation in and promotion of public education regarding domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault.
- ◆ Form committees to assist in planning, policy-making, goal-setting, and priority recommendations, and such other functions as the Task Force deems necessary.
- ◆ Review the progress made each year and make proposals as to what the Task Force shall try to accomplish in the next year.
- ◆ Identify and promote state and federal legislation and policies in accordance with the objectives of the Task Force.

To find out more about the Bannock County Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Task Force visit their website at: <http://www.bannockcounty.us/dv/index.html>

Summer Fire Safety

Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor grills. Annually just under 10,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and almost 5,000 are injured by charcoal/wood-burning and propane grill fires. In 2007, 64 percent of fireworks injuries occurred between June 22 and July 22. Families also enjoy camping in the summer. It is important to follow the park's rules for the use and extinguishing of campfires.

Summertime should be a time for fun and making happy memories. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

Fireworks Safety

- The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks.



- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, direction and a warning label, do not light it.
- **Supervise children around fireworks at all times.**

Barbecue Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.



Campfire Safety

- Build campfires where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves.
- Keep campfires small, and don't let them get out of hand.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're done. Stir it and douse it again with water.
- **Never leave campfires unattended.**

(Courtesy U.S. Fire Administration)



**THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT
TO STOP QUESTIONING.
--ALBERT EINSTEIN**