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Rays of Hope for a Better Tomorrow

Beware of Impaired Drivers

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. Impaired driving includes driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, including over-the-counter (OTC) medications, prescription drugs, marijuana, or other illegal drugs. Even small amounts of these drugs affect the brain and can alter perception, mental processes, attention, balance, coordination, reaction time and other abilities required for safe driving.

Alcohol and Driving

Driving skills begin to be impaired after the first drink. With a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of 0.04%, half the legal limit in Indiana, the chances of being involved in a crash elevate due to a slowing of reaction time. By the time BAC reaches 0.06%, drivers are much more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than a non-drinking driver.

Teen Driving

Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among people aged 16 to 19. When teens' inexperience at driving is combined with the use of drugs, the results can be tragic. In 2019, 4.4 million young people between ages 16 and 25 admitted to driving under the influence of marijuana within the past year.

Commons Signs of Impaired Driving:

- Drivers who quickly accelerate, decelerate, and/or brake for no obvious reason;
- Drivers who swerve and weave in and out of traffic or across lanes;
- Drivers who do not stay in one lane while traveling down the roadway;
- Drivers whose vehicles nearly-miss collisions with other vehicles or objects;
- Drivers who are traveling more than ten mph under the speed limit;
- Drivers who are traveling on the wrong side of the road; and
- Drivers who make illegal or abrupt turns.



A person's choice to drive impaired can cause permanent consequences. Help keep our roadways safe. Plan ahead, establish safe transportation, and avoid impaired driving.

For more information, please visit our website: www.DrugFreeAdamsCounty.org