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Holiday Driving – Keep it Sober, Keep it Safe

Though intended to be a festive time, December often brings with it holiday-induced stressors such as facing grief and loss, increased family pressures, and finances stretched thin. Add in a surplus of social activities that commonly include alcohol, and for some during this season, staying sober can be difficult. By the time New Year's Eve has come and gone, authorities tend to see a spike in Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) offenses, binge drinking scares, and other drug- and alcohol-related issues.

Buzzed Driving: The Sobering Statistics

- Approximately one-third of all traffic fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations of .08 or higher). In 2017, there were 10,874 people killed in drunk-driving crashes—that's equal to about 20 jumbo jets crashing, with no survivors.
- Despite the fact that it's illegal to drive when impaired by alcohol, in 2017, one person was killed **every 48 minutes** by a drunk driver on our nation's roads.
- Men are more likely than women to be driving drunk in fatal crashes. In 2017, 21% of males that were involved in fatal crashes were drunk, compared to 14% of females.
- On average, an OWI could set you back **\$10,000** in attorney's fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, etc.



Help keep our roadways safe this holiday season. Plan ahead, establish safe transportation, and avoid impaired driving. Remember, driving while impaired not only puts you and your passengers in danger, but also the lives of pedestrians and other drivers and their passengers.

**Unsure how to determine if you are too impaired to drive? The bottom line is this:
If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. It's just that simple.**

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