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December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.



Get the Facts

- ◇ Every day, almost 30 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. (Source: CDC)
- ◇ In 2010, there were 431 alcohol-related motor vehicle fatalities in Ohio. (Source: Ohio DPS)
- ◇ Of drivers tested, 1/3 of fatally injured drivers in Ohio tested positive for drugs from 2005-2009. (Source: NHTSA)

Drugged Driving Prevention

- ◇ All drivers must understand that drugged driving is as dangerous as drunk driving and that driving under the influence of certain prescription medications is considered impaired driving.
- ◇ As with a drunk driver, **never** ride in a car with a driver you suspect is under the influence.

Drunk Driving Prevention

- ◇ Designate a sober driver before celebrations begin.
- ◇ Never serve those under the age of 21 alcohol.
- ◇ Plan safe parties, including providing non-alcoholic drink options to guests and not serving alcohol the last hour of the gathering.

For More Information

[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:](http://www.nhtsa.gov/Impaired)
www.nhtsa.gov/Impaired

[Centers for Disease Control:](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/impaired_driving/)
www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/impaired_driving/

[Mothers Against Drunk Driving:](http://www.madd.org/feature-stories/december/december-is-national-drunk.html)
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