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Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving

In December of 2006, 1,076 people were killed in traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcyclists with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

There is no question that the holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year, from shopping for the perfect gift and trimming the tree to attending countless gatherings with family and friends. While it's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it's important that people be responsible and remember that *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving*.

Following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy a safe and festive holiday without jeopardizing his or her life and the lives of the others who may be on the road:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys;
- If you're impaired, call a sober friend or family member, so you are sure to get home safely;
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact your local law enforcement;
- And remember, if you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Driving a vehicle or a motorcycle while impaired is simply illegal and is not worth the risk of killing yourself or someone else. This holiday season, don't let your year end in an arrest—or even worse, death. Make smart decisions. Plan ahead, so you can assure a safe way home. Remember, *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving*.

Whether you've had way too many or just one too many, it's not worth the risk.

For more information, please visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

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