

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

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**DESIGNATE
A DRIVER**



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DRUNK DRIVING IMPACTS EVERY AMERICAN. EVERY DAY.

The statistics are horrifying. The danger is real – and it can wreak life-changing devastation anytime, anywhere, in the blink of an eye. The destruction ripples out, impacting two out of three people in their life time.

Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations [BACs] of .08 or higher). In 2016, there were 10,497 people killed in these preventable crashes. In fact, on average over the 10-year period from 2006-2016, more than 10,000 people died every year in drunk-driving crashes.

Men are more likely than women to be driving drunk in fatal crashes. In 2016, 21 percent of males were drunk in these crashes, compared to 14 percent for females.

In every State, it's illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, yet one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 50 minutes in the United States in 2016.

BEING A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER IS SIMPLE—IF YOU ARE DRINKING, DO NOT DRIVE.

EVERY
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minutes, someone is injured
in a drunk driving crash.

minutes, someone is killed

Drunk Driving
is still the

#1

cause of death
on our roadways

THINK IT DOESN'T IMPACT YOU?

THINK AGAIN.

More likely, it just hasn't impacted you – yet.

Give yourself the gift of a designated driver. Before you start drinking, give your keys to someone else or leave them at home, or program the phone number of a friend or local taxi service to your phone.

The average DUI costs the offender about \$10,000. For a lot less money, you could pay for a taxi.

Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as drunk driving. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.

Call a cab or a sober friend. Don't let the last party be the last party.



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