

# MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

## DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

The Labor Day weekend is one of the most dangerous times of the year to be on the road in terms of drunk-driving fatalities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported during the 2016 Labor Day holiday:

- 43% of nationwide crash fatalities involved drunk drivers.
- 54% were drivers under 21 years old.
- 60% of the drivers had a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of +0.15%.



The legal limit for driving under the influence (DUI) is 0.08%.

The campaign *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, aims to educate drivers against the reckless decision of drinking and driving. Drunk driving is illegal and puts you, your passengers and other road users at risk of serious injury or death.



Here are a few tips to help you have a safer Labor Day:

- Before drinking, choose a non-drinking friend as a designated driver.
- If you are hosting the party, make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, call law enforcement immediately.
- Always wear your seat belt. It is the best defense against drunk drivers.
- Use NHTSA's SaferRide app to call a taxi or a friend. This app will help keep drunk drivers off the roads by allowing users to identify their location and call a taxi or friend to pick them up.



For more information about the app, go to:

<https://one.nhtsa.gov/link/saferride>



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