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Drunk Driving Is a Deadly Problem This Fourth of July



During the July 4th holiday, alcohol is a major factor in fatal crashes

- Motor vehicle traffic crashes killed 410 people during the Fourth of July holiday period in 2009. Of that number, 40 percent involved a driver with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 grams per deciliter or higher.
- Alcohol-impaired-driving crashes killed 10,839 people in 2009, accounting for 32 percent of all traffic-related deaths in the United States. That's an average of one alcohol-impaired-driving fatality every 48 minutes.
- Beware: the rate of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2009 was four times higher at night than during the day.

Whether way too many or just one too many, it's not worth the risk. Impaired Driving creates serious consequences.

- Alcohol impairs many of the skills that safe driving requires, including judgment, concentration, comprehension, coordination, visual acuity and reaction time.
- Driving with a BAC of .08 or higher is illegal in every state. Yet many people still ignore the law. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, **more than 1.44 million people were arrested for driving under the influence during 2009.**



- Hospital emergency department visits involving underage drinking nearly double during the Fourth of July Holiday weekend
- Daily underage drinking-related visits to hospital emergency departments are 87 percent higher during the Fourth of July weekend than they are on an average day in July.
- On an average day in July, there are 502 hospital emergency department visits involving underage alcohol use.
- For the three day Fourth of July weekend however, the number of daily hospital emergency department visits jumps to 938

UPCOMING EVENT!!!

Join DDR and the Youth Center for a Summer Youth Safety Event on 5 July from 1030-1330 at the Youth Center.

The event will provide both carnival games and information from on and off bases helping agencies.

Parents, learn about volunteer opportunities for yourself and activities for your children!

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READ the label on medications! Some react with alcohol causing severe medical conditions or death.

Think before you drink - Before one more, is it one too many?



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