



**DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM
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December is National Drunk Driving Awareness



About Drunk Driving

Every 53 minutes on average, someone is killed in a drunk driving crash (9,878 people in total in 2011). Every 90 seconds, someone is injured because of this entirely preventable crime. About one-third of the drunk driving problem – arrests, crashes, deaths, and injuries – comes from repeat offenders. At any given point we potentially share the roads with 2 million people with three or more drunk driving offenses. Taking away their licenses isn't enough; 50-75% of them drive anyway. This is why we need to require **ignition interlocks** for all drunk driving offenders – we can stop these offenders before they repeat their crimes.

In 2011, Oklahoma enacted the Erin Swezey Act which requires ignition interlocks for all repeat offenders and first time convicted drunk drivers with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .15 or greater. The law also requires interlocks for first time offenders with a BAC of .08 to .14 if they choose to drive during the six month suspension following a DUI conviction.

Oklahoma ranks 34. The ranking system is based on the percentage of total traffic deaths in each state that are DUI related, with the state ranked 1 having the lowest percentage of DUI related deaths & the state ranked 51 (D.C. is included as a separate entry) as having the highest percentage of DUI related deaths in 2010.

Myths vs. Facts About Drinking and Driving

Myth: Coffee can sober up someone who has had too much to drink.
Fact: Only time sobers. It takes about one hour to oxidize each drink.

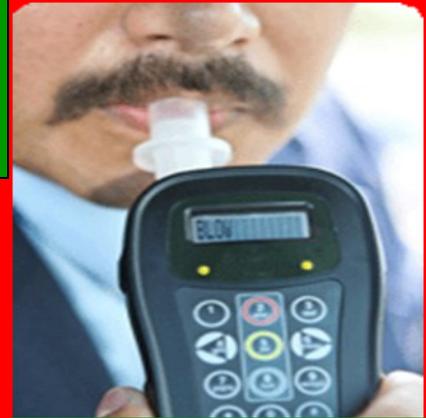
Myth: Hard liquor is more intoxicating than beer or wine.
Fact: A 12-ounce can of beer, a five-ounce glass of wine, a 12-ounce wine cooler contain the same amount of alcohol and the same intoxication potential as 1 1/2 oz. of liquor.

Myth: Someone who has had too much to drink will look intoxicated.
Fact: Someone's physical appearance can be misleading. One drink can impair someone's ability to drive. Judgment is the first thing affected when someone has been drinking and important motor skills are next.

Drunk Driving Prevention

- Designate a sober driver before celebration begins.
- 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.

An ignition interlock is a device about the size of a cell phone that is wired into the ignition system of a vehicle. A convicted drunk driver must blow into the device in order to start their vehicle. If they have a measurable amount of alcohol in their system, the vehicle will not start. It is a simple and economical way to make sure that offenders can drive to and from work, but that they can't drive drunk.



If you are going out to Drink

- Designate a non-drinking driver ahead of time.
- Take a cab or public transportation—Call A.A.D.D. at 481-RIDE (481-7433)
- Make reservations and spend the night
- Consume food, sip your drinks, and alternate with non-alcoholic beverages
- Ask your server about a ride home