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Halloween Impaired Driving Prevention

Motorists Beware: Drunk Driving Will Not Be Tolerated
Don't Let Halloween Turn into a Horror Story

Halloween is a much-loved fall tradition that is enjoyed by people of all ages. But irresponsible celebrating can quickly spoil all of the fun. That is why state and local law enforcement is cracking down on drunk drivers with an aggressive You Drink & Drive. You Lose. enforcement blitz.

With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, we want to make sure revelers aren't taking the party to the roadways, putting trick-or-treaters and responsible motorists at risk. Police officers will be out arresting and removing drunk drivers from our roads.

Halloween is a particularly deadly night due to drunk drivers. According to the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2008, 58 percent of all highway fatalities across the nation on Halloween night involved a driver or a motorcycle rider with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, which is illegal in every state.

One foolish decision can turn a fun Halloween into a real-life horror story. Drunk driving has frightening consequences. Not only do you risk killing or injuring yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.

Real-life nightmares can be prevented by taking simple precautions, such as designating a sober driver in advance or taking a taxi.

Remember You Drink & Drive. You Lose