## Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving

Join the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) safety initiative to educate the public about the importance of sober driving. NHTSA’s national *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving* drunk-driving prevention campaign urges drivers to understand the importance of sober driving, and to help get drunk drivers off the road.

**Talking Points**

**Overview**

* Drunk driving is illegal and deadly.
* Nationally, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 g/dL or higher, except in Utah, where the limit is .05 g/dL.
* Even a small amount of alcohol can affect driving ability.

**Stats**

**The Cost of Drunk Driving**

* The financial impact from impaired-driving crashes is devastating: Crashes in which alcohol was the cause resulted in $57 billion in economic costs.
* Drinking and driving is a risk no one should take. Doing so can cause injury or death to the driver, passengers, and others on the road. The consequences of drunk driving could be life-altering.

**Plan Ahead for a Safe Celebration**

* Always drive 100% sober. Even one alcoholic beverage could be one too many.
* Plan ahead: Before you have even one drink, designate a sober driver to get you home safely. If you wait until you’ve been drinking to make this decision, you might not make the best one.
* You have options to get home safely: designate a sober driver or call a taxi or rideshare. Getting home safely is always worth it.
* If it’s your turn to be the designated driver, take your job seriously and don’t drink.
* If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement**.**
* If you have a friend who is about to drink and drive, take the keys away and let a sober driver get your friend home safely.

For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving](https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving).