



STOP DWI

What YOU Can Do To Stop DWI:

- Know Thyself - become aware of your own alcohol tolerance and how many drinks you require before you are a dangerous driver and/or for your BAC (blood alcohol content) to be over the legal limit. Limit your number of drinks per hour; drinking slowly helps.
- When drinking with friends, try to convince the friend who has had too much to drink to ride home with you or to call a taxi.
- Promote the designated-driver concept -- one licensed driver in a group refrains from drinking in order to ensure the entire group's safe drive home.
- When entertaining, consider the following suggestions:
- Offer non-alcoholic beverages when serving alcoholic drinks;
- Stop serving alcohol after the meal in order to allow non-alcohol time to accrue before people leave;
- Be aware of anyone drinking too much and try to convince such a person not to drive home; take a taxi; spend the night; stay until sober;
- Refrain from "pushing" drinks on your guests and always provide food.
- Teach children about responsible drinking both with information and by example.
- Consider contracting with your teenager to call home for a ride if a sober ride is unavailable. Agree to "no questions asked" at the time.
- Provide money for a cab for teenagers who don't have a sober ride home.
- Again, "no questions asked."
- Use safety belts for every trip and ask passengers to do the same; half of the fatalities can be avoided by their use.
- Report suspicious driving to police -- erratic braking, weaving, straying off the road, etc.
- Write letters to your local newspaper so the editorial staff will know this is an issue of great public concern.
- Become active in the local citizen action group such as SADD, MADD, RID, etc.