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**Driving Under the Influence:
Worth the risk?**

Did you know that first time offenders account for nearly 70% of all Delaware's DUI arrests? And that the consequences of **being arrested and convicted** are severe?

Consider the following facts:

- In 2010, 38 of 101 crash fatalities (38%) were alcohol-related
- Crash data analysis revealed that males are more than three times as likely to be killed in an alcohol-related crash. Sixty-two (62)% of alcohol-related fatalities were males, with 45% of those males between the ages of 21 and 34.
- Penalties for a first offense DUI include:
 - revoked license
 - fines
 - criminal record
 - Mandatory DUI treatment classes with drug testing
 - Ignition Interlock device if applicable
 - increased insurance rates
 - attorney fees plus time off work for court appearances

Given the financial, legal and physical consequences of impaired driving, is it worth the risk to drive home after a night of drinking, regardless of the type of alcohol or the number of drinks consumed?

OHS is serious about reducing the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths. This month we are launching our Checkpoint Strikeforce high visibility DUI enforcement campaign with weekly checkpoints from the 4th of July holiday weekend through New Year's Eve. Don't think you'll be caught? Don't risk it. Make sure you have your designated driver *before* you go out for the night.

Drive Sober. Arrive Alive DE.