



Traffic Safety News

From the Delaware Office of Highway Safety

Special Edition: 4th of July

Fines. Attorney's Fees. Mandatory DUI Classes. None of these sounds like fun, but this is exactly what you will have if you make the choice to drink and drive this holiday weekend. OHS wants to remind you that in Delaware the consequences are real.

What you need to know

Did you know that July 4th is one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to alcohol-impaired driving crashes?

- In 2011, between the dates of July 1-5, 1 person was killed and another 97 were injured.
- DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols over the July 4th holiday last year resulted in 51 total dui arrests.
- Violators face jail time, the loss of licenses, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses from attorney fees, fines and court costs, car towing and repairs, lost time at work, etc.

What you can do

Have a plan before you go out.

- Designate a sober driver for the night.
- Know the DART routes in your area.
- Program the number of a cab company in your phone.
- Call a friend or family member.
- Walking impaired is never a good alternative.

Remember, just one too many is way too many. It's never worth the risk to drive impaired. If law enforcement pulls you over for drunk driving, you will be arrested. So remember, "DUI is a Total Buzz Kill."

Drive Sober. Arrive Alive DE.

This message is being sent to you from the Office of Highway Safety, who asks you to drive safely at all times. For more information on this and other traffic safety programs, go to www.ohs.delaware.gov.