## *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving* Talking Points

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.

**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).