



**Think  
& Drive**

***SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!***

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## **IMPAIRED DRIVING FACTS AND FIGURES**

### **Why does it occur?**

- When you drink and then drive, alcohol affects your judgement, reaction time and perception.
- In 2008, in injury collisions, 1193 or 5.3 percent of the involved drivers had either been drinking or were judged to have been impaired.
- For the same year, in fatal collisions, 100 or 22.5 percent of the drivers had been drinking or were impaired.
- As the severity of the collision from non-fatal to fatal increased, the involvement of alcohol dramatically increased.

### **Who is involved?**

- An impaired driver can be anyone. There is no single image or personality type that indicates a drunk driver. But young males are the most likely group of drivers to have consumed alcohol before a crash.
- In 2008, there were over five times as many male drivers as female drivers who had consumed alcohol and been involved in a casualty collision.
- The majority of these drivers were males younger than 45 years old.
- In terms of involvement per 1,000 licensed drivers, males between 18 and 24 years of age were most likely to have been drinking before the crash.

### **When it happens?**

- Impaired driving can happen at any time and anywhere. But the odds go up for collisions involving alcohol on weekends, in the early morning hours and during warmer weather months. In 2008, November was the month with the highest number of casualty collisions involving alcohol 10.2 percent of the total. September had the highest number of alcohol-involved fatal collisions, with 15.0 percent.
- In 2008, the most fatal injury collisions and non-fatal injury collisions involving alcohol occurred on Saturdays. And the most likely time period for these collisions, on any day of the week, was between 11:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.

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**Make the smart choice. Don't drink and drive.**

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