

# **Impaired driving is among the most irresponsible and avoidable things that a person could do.**

**An average drunk driver has driven drunk 80 times before first arrest.**

([Centers for Disease Control](#). "Vital Signs: Alcohol-Impaired Driving Among Adults — United States, 2010." Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. October 4, 2011.)

**About one-third of all drivers arrested or convicted of driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of alcohol are repeat offenders.**

(Fell, Jim. "Repeat DWI Offenders in the United States." Washington, DC: [National Department of Transportation](#), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Traffic Tech No. 85, February 1995.)

**50 to 75 percent of convicted drunk drivers continue to drive on a suspended license.**

(Peck, R.C., Wilson, R. J., and Sutton, L. 1995. "Driver license strategies for controlling the persistent DUI offender, Strategies for Dealing with the intent Drinking Driver." Transportation Research Board, Transportation Research Circular No. 437. Washington, D.C. National Research Council: 48-49 and Beck, KH, et al. "Effects of Ignition Interlock License Restrictions on Drivers with Multiple Alcohol Offenses: A Randomized Trial in Maryland." American Journal of Public Health, 89 vol. 11 (1999): 1696-1700.)

**Drunk driving costs the United States \$132 billion a year.**

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration FARS data, 2010

**Drunk driving costs each adult in this country almost \$500 per year.**

(Taylor, et al 2002) Full cite: Taylor, Dexter; Miller, Ted; and Cox, Kenya. "Impaired Driving in the United States Cost Fact Sheets." Washington, DC: [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), 2002.

**One in three people will be involved in an alcohol-related crash in their lifetime.**

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "The Traffic Stop and You: Improving Communications between Citizens and Law Enforcement." [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), March 2001, DOT HS 809 212.

**Almost every 90 seconds, a person is injured in a drunk driving crash.**

Blincoe, Lawrence, et al. "The Economic Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes 2000." Washington, DC: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2002. [NHTSA FARS data, 2011](#).

**Every day in America, another 27 people die as a result of drunk driving crashes.**

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration FARS data, 2012.

**In 2010, 211 children were killed in drunk driving crashes. Of those 211 deaths, 131 (62 percent) were riding with the drunk driver.**

(National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Traffic Safety Facts 2010: Alcohol Impaired Driving" Washington DC: [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), 2011.)

