

Safety Corner

"TIS' THE SEASON"

Driving while either intoxicated or drunk is dangerous and drivers with high blood alcohol content or concentration (BAC) are at greatly increased risk of car accidents, highway injuries and vehicular deaths. Possible prevention measures examined here include establishing DWI courts, suspending or revoking driver licenses, impounding or confiscating vehicle plates, impounding or immobilizing vehicles, enforcing open container bans, increasing penalties such as fines or jail for drunk driving, and mandating alcohol education. Safety seat belts, air bags, designated drivers, and effective practical ways to stay sober are also discussed.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS:

If you drink, be responsible. When with a group, choose a designated driver. Having one person agree to drink only non-alcoholic beverages and provide transportation for other members of the group can save lives.

AS A HOST, HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO ENSURE RESPONSIBLE DRINKING AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION:

- Provide plenty of non-alcoholic beverages.
- Do not pressure guests to drink.
- Serve food to slow the rate of absorption of alcohol.
- Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the party is over.
- If guests drink too much, call a cab or arrange a ride with a sober driver.

HOW TO DETECT A DRUNK DRIVER; ACCORDING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, DRIVERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OFTEN DISPLAY CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS, WHICH CAN INCLUDE:

- Making wide turns
- Weaving, swerving, drifting or straddling the center line.
- Almost striking an object or vehicle
- Driving on the wrong side of the road
- Driving at a very slow speed
- Stopping without cause
- Braking erratically
- Responding slowly to traffic signals
- Turning abruptly or illegally
- Driving after dark with headlights off.



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Monthly Departmental Safety Meetings

Please remember, monthly departmental safety meetings must be documented and attendance rosters turned into Brenda Rebo. Attendance rosters should be turned in at the conclusion of each monthly safety meeting. The county will continue to conduct quarterly dinner gift certificate drawings for employees of departments who have 100% attendance at their monthly safety meetings. Employees attending all 12 departmental safety meetings shall be eligible for a safety incentive award at the end of the year.

**Happy Holiday to All
County Employees
and their Families**

Lincoln County Safety Committee Mission Statement

To develop, put into practice, and maintain the Lincoln County Injury and Illness Prevention Program which promotes safety awareness and safe work practices for all county departments and employees and that is in compliance with all federal, state, and county requirements in order to reduce and prevent accidents, injuries, and illnesses of employees.

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