

**F**or **Y**our **D**riving



## Celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> Safely

Between 2000 and 2009, more people lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents on July 4th than any other day of the year. According to the American Automobile Association, Independence Day is the second deadliest day for intoxicated drivers, just after New Year's Day. Between 2000 and 2009, July 4th traffic deaths involved a driver with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) average of .08 or higher. Practicing these simple tips will make your holiday safer:

- Buckle up for safety.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Don't allow others to drink and drive.
- Make sure to get sleep over the holiday weekend.
- Obey the posted speed limits.
- Put the distractions away. Don't talk or text on your cell phone while driving.
- Recognize and avoid impaired drivers.
- Stay Alert. Take a break if you feel tired.
- Drive cautiously on rural roads. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), more accidents occur on rural roads than other highways.
- Act like your life depends on driving defensively. It does.

***Remember Accidents do not Happen they are Caused!***

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