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VIDEO: Attorney General Moody Urges Floridians Traveling for Holidays to Be Safe and Never Drive While Impaired



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—In recognition of this National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, Attorney General Ashley Moody is urging Floridians to be safe and never drive impaired. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s [latest nationwide data](#) reveals that someone dies in a drunk driving accident every 39 minutes — that’s about 37 people every day. During December, drunk driving accidents increase. Last year, there were [507 alcohol-impaired crashes](#) in Florida during that month alone — more crashes than any other month. Attorney General Moody is sharing tips with Floridians on how to stay safe this holiday season.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “In December, there is an increase in drunk driving accidents. These accidents ruin lives and can destroy families. The good news is they are 100% preventable. It’s simple, never drink and drive – instead, designate a driver, or use a ridesharing service. Follow this simple advice and we can all enjoy a happy, safe holiday season.”

Attorney General Moody recommends following these tips for safe travels this holiday season:

- Do not drive under the influence or permit others to drive under the influence;
- Establish a designated driver, call a cab or use a ridesharing service if planning to drink alcohol;
- Fasten seatbelts when driving or riding in a vehicle;
- Avoid distractions, especially texting, while driving; and
- Beware of the increase in impaired drivers — especially at night.

Since 1998, The American Automobile Association's Tow to Go program provides a free, confidential ride service to impaired drivers and their vehicles, available to both AAA members and nonmembers on most major holidays. For more information on Tow to Go, click [here](#).

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is an organization with a mission to reach a future where there are no more victims of drunk or drugged driving accidents. The MADD website is full of statistics, solutions and helplines for Floridians. To find out more information, click [here](#).

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