



CHOOSE A SOBER WAY TO GO.

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Plan to Keep the Holidays Bright with Safe Drives *Choose a sober way to go*

Menifee, CA – As the holiday season approaches, the Menifee Police Department reminds drivers to celebrate responsibly by choosing a sober way to travel. Use a designated driver, public transit or call a taxi or rideshare service to get to and from your destination safely. Every day, about 34 people in the United States are killed in drunk-driving crashes — that's one person every 42 minutes.

"Our priority is keeping the community safe this holiday season," said Menifee Police Chief Chris Karrer. "If you're heading out to celebrate, don't risk it. Plan ahead for a safe drive with a designated driver or by arranging alternative transportation."

Drunk driving continues to be a major factor in fatal traffic crashes in the United States, especially during the holidays. During the month of December from 2019-2023, there were 4,931 people killed in alcohol-impaired crashes according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In California, [1,355 people died in alcohol-impaired traffic crashes](#) in 2023.

While drunk driving is a significant traffic safety problem, impairment is not limited to alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, cannabis products, and other drugs may also impair your ability to drive. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label, let someone who is sober drive. If you see someone who appears to be driving while impaired, call 9-1-1.

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