



# BREA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Press Release

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### Plan to Keep the Holidays Bright with Safe Drives

*Choose a sober way to go*

Brea, Calif. – As the holiday season approaches, the Brea Police Department reminds drivers to celebrate responsibly by choosing a sober way to go by using a designated driver, public transit or calling 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. 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 factor in fatal traffic crashes in the United States, especially during the holidays. During the 2019-2023 December months, 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, driving while impaired is not just from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, cannabis products and other drugs may also impair. 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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