

Tips for Steering Clear of Drunk Drivers

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So many awful incidents of death and trauma over a drunk driver has still not taught us that you cannot go behind the wheel of any vehicle if you have consumed alcohol. In fact, the amount of alcohol is really subjective since some people get tipsy over half a glass of table wine, while others need about a keg of beer or more to feel a hit. People who drink must know their limit regardless of what the law says. It's just part of responsible driving. Unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect world, so accidents will happen from drunk driving. The best you can do is to stay clear of these drivers as much as possible.

Not all drunk drivers drive at night

A drunk will drink at all times of the day or night. He or she might even know the time or day it is. Of course, this is the worst scenario, and does not happen as often as night drunk driving, but you cannot disregard this fact, so be on the lookout for haphazard driving anytime you're on the road.

Slow down in intersections

People who are drunk tend to step on the gas harder and faster than normal, and this pertains to corners as well. When you reach an intersection, don't assume that just because there's a Stop sign on each corner, it will be followed.

Leave a lane open

Don't drive in the middle of the road just because there's no other car on the road. Stick to your lane, preferably the inner lane because drunk drivers usually drive fast, so will tend to overtake often.

Avoid bar areas

If you are driving at night, try to go around the bar areas or where there are known restaurants that allow heavy drinking. If you must, you should consider taking a detour, safe enough to get you where you need to go without any incident. Naturally, avoid dark streets as your detour.

Avoid early morning to dawn driving, biking, or walking

This is the riskiest time to go out. If you can hold off going out on your bike, taking a walk, or driving anywhere, then do it. You should know your neighborhood and route by now, so you know the places that tend to be used as a racing track for people coming home from a night of partying. If you have early work schedules or graveyard shifts, find a traveling partner, or make sure someone knows when you leave your place of work or leave your home to get to work.

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