



## Number of Drunk Driving Fatalities Dropped

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[MADD](#) and their sponsor at [Demas and Rosenthal, LLP Sacramento Personal Injury Attorneys](#). were glad to receive news that number of drunk driving fatalities dropped by seven percent in 2009. The positive news was released from National Highway Traffic Safety.



Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), a nonprofit organization is dedicated to help all the victims of collisions caused by people who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The mission is to aid the families of victims, but what is a much important to increase public awareness of drinking and drugged driving. MADD is also expanded its work on preventing underage drinking and emerging research underscored our efforts to prevent youth alcohol use. MADD's efforts in this area were also encouraged and supported by the government, corporations, educators, the media and public.

“The mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.”

Driving under the influence is extremely dangerous and illegal. The California law prohibits from driving with blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08 percent or higher. The California Vehicle Code Section 23152 (a) says: “It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of any

alcoholic beverage or drug, or under the combined influence of any alcoholic beverage and drug,

When a DUI accident results in serious bodily injury or death, California law provides for felony charges against the offender. Despite these serious consequences, for some reason, it remains almost tacitly acceptable to drive after drinking in our society as long as you don't get caught. The price that is paid is too high. Since some people don't seem to be getting the message, California should do more to prevent DUI related deaths, including stiffer penalties for all offenders, alcohol treatment programs, ignition locks, and programs like mandatory designated drivers.

In addition, all victims and families of **DUI accidents** should consult with a reputable [Sacramento personal injury attorney](#), who will conduct a thorough investigation of the collision and hold the offending driver accountable in the civil justice system for their actions. A qualified California personal injury attorney can advise you regarding a claim for damages, including recovery of medical expenses, lost wages and pain and suffering. Victims should know their rights under the law and any applicable insurance policies. Family members of a **deceased victim** may have a [wrongful death claim](#), which includes funeral expenses, loss of financial support, loss of love and companionship, and other related damages.

The difficult work to [stop drunk driving collisions](#) by MADD and their sponsors like Demas and Rosenthal, LLP has led to a reduction in the number of deaths by nearly half since MADD was founded. Through its efforts MADD has been able to save nearly 300,000 lives. However, we hope through our continued efforts with our sponsors like Demas & Rosenthal and our ongoing education messages we can all eliminate drunk driving.