



Impaired Driving and Teens in America

DRIVE SMART Virginia



Impaired Driving

Driving under the influence is the offense of driving, operating, or being in control of a vehicle while impaired by alcohol or other drugs, to a level that renders the driver incapable of operating a motor vehicle safely.

Affects Of Alcohol

- Slowed Down Reactions
- Impaired Vision
- Impaired Concentration
- Dulled Judgement
- Slurred Speech
- Blackout
- Cognitive Decline



Consider The FACTS And Consequences



- Roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ of crashes involve alcohol or another substance
- Approximately 75% of fatal crashes occurring between midnight and 3 A.M involve alcohol
- During the holidays 2-3 times more people die in alcohol-related crashes



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- Consequence of up to a year in jail
- A mandatory ignition interlock device that requires the driver to blow into a breathalyzer to start the engine
- A one-year suspension of all driving privileges



The Financial Cost:

- Financial burdens from a Virginia DUI conviction include attorney's fees, a court fine, court costs, and more
- Financial risks from a Virginia DUI conviction can include increased insurance premiums, taxi/Uber expenses from being without unrestricted driving, financial losses from losing employment



Listen To The Story Of Antonio Mason



Listen to the story of Antonio Mason, a budding college basketball star who was hit by a drunk driver. If you drive drunk, it's not just your own life that you're affecting.

[Source: NHTSA](#)



Designated Drivers Are #Heroes

- 100% of drunk driving crashes are PREVENTABLE!!!
- Plan Ahead:
- Install Uber/Lyft app on your phone and know how to use it
- Familiarize yourself with public transportation
- Have an agreement with a friend or family member that you will call them if you need a ride
- Keep the number of a local cab service and some cash in your purse or wallet
- Designate a sober driver BEFORE drinking begins





But What If You Are Underage??

If law enforcement stops you while driving after illegal consumption of alcohol, you are subject to administrative license suspension (ALS). If you are convicted of driving after illegally consuming alcohol and were found to have a BAC of 0.02 and less than 0.08, the court penalty will include a suspension of your driving privilege for one year from the date of conviction, and a minimum mandatory fine of \$500, or the requirement that you complete at least 50 hours of community service.

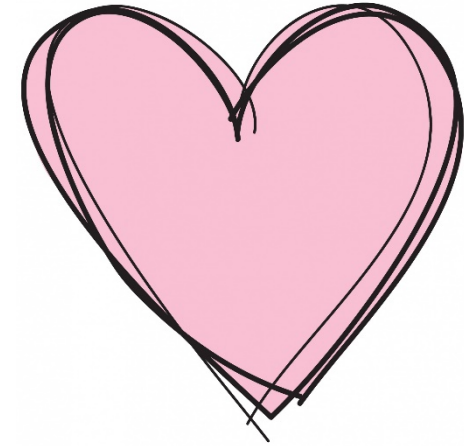
Regardless of age, if driving on a DUI suspended or restricted license, you may be charged with DUI if you drive with a BAC of 0.02 percent or higher.

Persons under age 21 who drive while under the influence of drugs or with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher are subject to the same penalties as persons age 21 or older.



DRIVE SMART!!

Please keep Antonio Mason and others affected by impaired drivers in your mind as you get behind the wheel. You have the power to avoid unnecessary deaths on the roadways. There are millions of stories just like this. Let's hope you won't have one too.



Designate Before You Celebrate.

THANK YOU!

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