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Kentucky Drivers Urged To Celebrate This Fourth of July Weekend Responsibly

Law enforcement patrols, checkpoints expected during holiday weekend to prevent drunk driving

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 30, 2026)—Team Kentucky reminds all Kentuckians to drive sober and celebrate responsibly this Independence Day to keep everyone safe on the roads. Drivers are encouraged to make plans early for a sober ride home and should expect an increased law enforcement presence during the holiday weekend to prevent drunk driving crashes, as even one drink can impair a driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle.

“As we celebrate this holiday weekend, we encourage everyone to make smart decisions so we can keep Kentucky's roads safe for everyone,” said **Gov. Andy Beshear**. “Drive sober, look out for your friends and family, and help anyone who has been drinking find a safe way home.”

Alongside the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials are reminding drivers to “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and remember that “Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.” According to Kentucky State Police crash records, last year there were 55 crashes involving a drunken and/or drugged driver over the Fourth of July holiday period, resulting in 30 injuries and three deaths.

As part of a nationwide initiative, the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is coordinating with local and state law enforcement agencies to increase high-visibility patrols and sobriety checkpoints throughout the holiday period. KOHS also provides a checkpoint truck equipped with testing equipment and a checkpoint trailer for use by law enforcement partner agencies.

“You might feel okay to drive, but even a small amount of alcohol or drugs can impair your ability to drive safely, think clearly or react quickly,” said Transportation

Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “Don’t take the risk of putting yourself and others on the road in danger.”

To prevent tragedies, follow these recommendations:

Before the festivities begin, plan to get home safely at the end of the night.

If you’re impaired, use a ride-booking company, taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation to get home safely.

If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement.

You may dial the Kentucky State Police’s toll-free line at 800-222-5555 or call 911.

If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely.

Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law; it is also the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if you are involved in a crash.

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