



Public Safety Advisory Drinking and driving

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Drinking and driving remains the number one criminal cause of death in Canada. In Ontario, approximately one-quarter of all road fatalities are alcohol related. Over 16,000 people in Ontario are convicted criminally for drinking-and-driving-related offences.

The Toronto Police Service recognizes the danger that drinking and driving pose to all our citizens. We are vigilant in our measures to recognize, intervene and deal with those people who endanger us all.

This weekend the Service will increase its efforts to protect the people of Toronto with multiple RIDE spotchecks and patrols targeting those who drink and drive. The message is, and always will be, "If you drink, don't drive."

We would also remind everyone that choosing a responsible option to driving is the first step. Public transit, designated drivers, taxis and hotels are all excellent choices.

It is also worth noting that walking while intoxicated is extremely dangerous. Many pedestrians have been seriously injured or killed from walking, stumbling or falling into traffic.

As a reminder, if you see someone who appears to be, or you know is driving, or about to drive, impaired call 9-1-1 immediately. The life you save could be your loved one.

To learn more about the Service's Priority regarding pedestrian and traffic safety, [click here](#).

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