



## Designated Driver Do's

- Designated Driver gets the keys **BEFORE** the drinking begins
- Designated Driver refuses to drink **ANY** alcohol
- Treat your Designated Driver to dinner or non-alcoholic drinks
- Take turns being Designated Driver
- Offer to be the Designated Driver

## Designated Driver Don'ts

- The Designated Driver is **NOT** the 'least drunk of the bunch'
- Do **NOT** make the same person be the Designated Driver every time
- **NOT A SIP!**



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## SMART CHOICES

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## The Designated Driver



### **Yield your Keys to the Designated Driver**

So you want to go out and have a good time. Drinks with your friends at the local bar, dinner and a movie or maybe a ball game... Sounds good!

The Designated Driver is a great way to be safe when you are out and having drinks. The Designated Driver swears off alcohol for the event and promises to get everyone home safely. Sounds simple and easy, right? Sure, as long as the Designated Driver has a plan, along with the rest of the group.

### **Make the Plan and Stick to it**

First and foremost, the Designated Driver cannot just be whoever is the least drunk! Many people are probably guilty of having “just one glass of wine or a beer” before getting behind the wheel. Depending on a number of factors, that one drink could be ‘one too many’! So make the decision on who will be the Designated Driver before going out, and then stick to the plan.

### **Keys Please**

It is important that the Designated Driver gets possession of the car keys first, before going out. The Designated Driver gets the keys first to ensure he or she is the only one equipped to drive.

Take turns being the Designated Driver on different occasions, so it is not always one person who is responsible.



### **Treat Your Designated Driver Right**

Having a Designated Driver doesn't mean you can go crazy and become so intoxicated you are unable to think straight. If you're totally out of control there is a very good chance you will end up in some kind of trouble that your Designated Driver cannot protect you from!! So play it safe and give yourself a limit on how much you are drinking too.

Make sure you thank your Designated Driver while you're at it. Maybe paying for the gas or buying dinner, for example. It's a small amount to pay compared to the cost and embarrassment of a DUI or worse, the cost of a life.

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