

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Law enforcement often steps up DUI "checkpoints" over holiday weekends.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO DRINK, THEN YOU SHOULD NOT DRIVE!

If you drink...take a cab; designate a driver; walk; get a hotel room.

If you drive...be advised that this increase in DUI enforcement, increases the possibility that you may be stopped for traffic violations or a DUI.

Start the night by eating heartily and drinking non-alcoholic fluids to slow alcohol absorption.

Being stopped for a traffic violation is not something to fear. However, if you are stopped and you have been drinking there are some important things to remember:

- Be COURTEOUS and POLITE to all police officers and keep your license, registration and proof of insurance handy.
- DO NOT EXIT your car unless instructed to do so.
- DO NOT volunteer any information, except your identification (your drivers license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration), even if the officer is merely asking you administrative or "friendly" questions. Your answers will be used against you.
- POLITELY refuse to do any "field sobriety testing" (FST's). They are completely VOLUNTARY and will be used against you.
- POLITELY refuse to take a portable or hand-held breath test (PAS) - unless you are under 21. They are completely voluntary and will be used against you.
- DO take the breath test at the jail when offered.
- DO contact a friend as soon as possible so they can hear you speak and note your sobriety.
- DO contact the DMV within 10 days of your arrest to schedule a hearing or YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY LOSE YOUR LICENSE.