



Party Planning means more than having enough chips and salsa

If you throw a party where alcohol will be served, you have some very real responsibilities.

You must always remember that the host of a party has potential legal liability if a drunken party guest drives away and gets in a crash.

Before, During, and After Your Party

Before, during, and after your party, there are things you can do to keep everyone safe.

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how you can prevent
drunk driving*



*Our mission is to teach
and inspire the prevention
of drunk driving.*

90% of All Drunk Driving Happens After Drinking with Family, Friends, and Coworkers.

Don't Let Drunk Driving Happen Right in Front of You!



Party Planner



Plan Your Party to Prevent Drunk Driving



Before the Party

- Remember your potential liability if anyone leaves and crashes on their way home.
- Prepare for an overnight guest or two – air mattresses and sleeping bags, anyone?
- Have taxi phone numbers handy.
- Find out if your guests have a ride-sharing app on their phone.
- Make sure you know who the designated drivers are.

- Make sure the designated drivers have the keys.
- Make sure designated drivers are parked where they are not blocked by other cars.
- Make sure you have enough supplies for your party. A mid-party beer run can spell trouble!

During the Party

- Remember your potential liability if anyone leaves and crashes on their way home.
- Make sure the designated drivers don't drink.
- Treat designated drivers special – a bigger slice of cake, a hug, etc.
- If the party is time-based like a sporting event, stop serving alcohol during the half or third quarter, otherwise, stop serving at least an hour before you expect anyone to leave.



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- Do not let anyone who has been drinking leave until they've had time for the alcohol they drank to pass through their system.
- Don't let anyone leave without your knowledge.

After the Party

- Remember your potential liability if anyone leaves and crashes on their way home.
- Thank your designated drivers.
- Ask your designated drivers to call you after they drop everyone off just so you know everyone made it OK.
- Help guests call cabs or summon ride-shares.
- Offer to help reunite any guests with their cars the next day if necessary.

Party Planner is part of The DUI Avoidance Lesson Plan found at <http://www.drinkinganddriving.org/lessons/>

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