

Attorney Luke Dow Shares Cinco de Mayo Safety Tips

Personal injury attorney Luke Dow, of <u>Luke Dow Law Firm</u>, posts blog educating people on how to ensure a safe Cinco de Mayo.

Austin, TX (<u>PRWEB</u>) April 29, 2016 -- In light of upcoming Cinco de Mayo, a much-celebrated holiday in not only Mexico but the United States, personal injury attorney Luke Dow, founder of <u>Luke Dow</u> Law Firm, posted a <u>blog</u> listing tips on how to enjoy the day injury-free. "Unfortunately, drunk driving rates increase over the holidays," wrote Dow in the blog.

Dow stresses that although one cannot control the actions of other motorists, they can reduce the likelihood of getting in a crash with a drunk driver. To help people have a safe Cinco de Mayo, Dow lists the following three safety tips:

No. 1: Look for signs of intoxication from other drivers. "Some drunk drivers are easy to spot," wrote Dow. "Alcohol affects coordination, depth perception and reaction time, which translates into abnormal and erratic behavior behind the wheel." Dow suggests keeping a safe distance from vehicles if the drivers use the wrong turn signal when changing lanes, drive with the headlights off, drive too slow or too fast, swerve on the shoulder or into other lanes or stop in front of or far behind a stop line.

No. 2: Wear your seatbelt. According to the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>, wearing a seatbelt can reduce the risk of a severe crash-related injury or death by half. It is critical to buckle up, especially on holidays like Cinco de Mayo when many people are drinking. Wearing a seatbelt not only can prevent injuries if an accident happens, but can also put a driver in the ideal position to react to unexpected hazards.

No. 3: Drive defensively. "You should be especially vigilant when driving on Cinco de Mayo," said Dow. "Try to anticipate the actions of other drivers, always maintain a safe following distance and do not speed."

However, the most effective and obvious way to avoid a drunk-driving crash is to simply not drink and drive. "Instead of drinking and driving, consider renting a hotel room or staying overnight at a friend's place," said Dow. "You could also call a rideshare company such as Uber or Lyft, or a taxi."

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