

Tampa DUI Attorney-Approved Tips to Avoid Putting Yourself at Risk for a DUI This Holiday Season

Premier DUI defense attorneys at Carlson, Meissner, Hart and Hayslett P.A. share tips for steering clear of a driving under the influence charge this holiday season

Tampa, FL ([PRWEB](#)) December 09, 2015 -- Each consecutive year, there is an alarming increase in the number of alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes between the Thanksgiving and New Years Eve holidays. Studies show during this time specifically, [car crashes double](#) between two and three times. Due to the overwhelming statistics, law enforcement is especially alert as they seek drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Consequences for receiving a DUI in Florida are severe and can effect employment, family, and long-term financial livelihood. By taking advantage of the following tips, you will ensure your safety, as well as others, during the holiday season.

Don't Get Behind the Wheel

As trivial as this advice may sound, time after time this rule is unheeded. Most often this is because people fail to plan ahead. Taking advantage of Uber or a local cab service is an affordable way to avoid getting behind the wheel of your car. When using the iPhone app for Uber, first time users receive a free ride, another incentive for not getting behind the wheel. Before leaving your home to attend a holiday party, set up an Uber account and become comfortable using the app. When it's time to leave the party, Uber is convenient and reasonably priced.

If possible, avoid putting a drunk driver in the driver's seat by designating a designated driver before leaving for the party – someone who stays sober to drive home. Even if you are traveling in close proximity to your home, do not get behind the wheel while under the influence. Time and time again DUI recipients are stopped less than a mile from their homes.

Stay Under the Legal Limit

In Florida, persons age 21 and older are permitted to drive with a BAC level of .08% or less. Although not encouraged, by managing your blood alcohol content levels, receiving a DUI most often will be avoided. New technology and BAC calculators allow us to track our BAC levels through apps on phones. For example, the app IntelliDrink tracks your drinks throughout the night and estimates when you will be sober again. Users can request to receive a notification when their BAC has reached the legal level once again.

Take safe measures this holiday season to avoid misfortune and hardship. Alcohol impairs decision-making but by planning ahead before a night of drinking, you will avoid placing yourself in jeopardy.

When faced with DUI charges in the Tampa Bay area, it is imperative to act quickly and hire a knowledgeable Tampa DUI attorney. Investigators with the Tampa Bay law firm of Carlson, Meissner, and Hart & Hayslett P.A. consider the legality of the stop, if a field sobriety test was properly administered, and if the Breathalyzer was properly maintained and calibrated. If you or a family member has been arrested or charged with DUI, call our responsive, aggressive DUI defense attorneys to schedule a free consultation right away.

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