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ONE THIRD OF ALL CRASHES IN MARYLAND INVOLVE AN IMPAIRED DRIVER.

Educational Tips to Prevent Impaired Driving

- Designate a sober driver who does not consume any alcohol or drugs.
- Use a rideshare, taxi, public transportation, or call a friend or family member for a ride.
- Stay with friends, family, or in a hotel.
- Never let a friend or family member drive if they have been using alcohol or drugs.
- Never ride with a driver who is impaired.
- If you're hosting a party, include non-alcoholic drink options and pick a time to stop serving alcohol.
- Make sure your guests have a safe ride home.

Maryland's Impaired Driving Laws

- (TR 21-902) A person may not drive or attempt to drive any vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other controlled dangerous substances.
- There are two possible convictions for impaired driving - Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI) and Driving While Impaired by Alcohol (DWI).
- Penalties for a first DUI offense may include a \$1,000 fine and up to one year in jail. Twelve points will be assessed on your driving record and your license may be suspended for up to six months.
- If you are convicted of DWI, you face up to a \$500 fine and up to two months in jail. Eight points will be assessed on your driving record, and you face a six-month license suspension.
- Repeat offenders may face up to 10 years in jail if convicted.
- Impaired drivers face higher penalties if a minor is in the car at the time of the offense.