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# TIP OF THE WEEK

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### "Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk"

It's time for Super Bowl Sunday!! February 2nd, 2020. No matter which team you are rooting for, everyone should agree that **"Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk"**. That's the campaign from The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ([NHTSA](#)) to help keep impaired drivers from getting behind the wheel. They are encouraging everyone to take part in making sure that football fans across the nation do not drop the ball on this issue.

In most states, drivers are considered alcohol-impaired if they have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. (Utah recently went to .05 or higher) Drunk driving can be deadly; and even small amounts of alcohol can impair judgement to make driving unsafe. According to the latest figures available from NHTSA, 37,133 people died in traffic crashes in 2017, and 29 percent of those killed, or 10,874, were due to drunk driving. Drunk driving deaths decreased 1.1 percent from 2016, according to revised estimates of 10,996 alcohol-related fatalities for 2016.

Be sure to have a game plan for the night so friends and family know who the **designated driver** will be. We want to encourage fans to turn over their keys to a sober driver – our vote for game MVP – before they begin drinking. Drunk driving can result in serious crashes, injuries or death. If you don't have an MVP to make sure folks get home safely, consider other ride options. There are many other ways to ensure a safe ride home besides relying on a friend. The options include using public transportation, calling a taxi, or using a rideshare program.

This Super Bowl weekend, sober designated drivers should be sure to carry the ball and refrain from drinking alcohol. Be a team player and help keep impaired drivers from getting behind the wheel. Don't fumble! Remember: **Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.**

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