

Drunk and Impaired Driving: The Facts

- In 2001, there were 84 traffic fatalities in Michigan during holidays – approximately one half of them involved alcohol. (New Year's, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas)
- During the Christmas holiday in 2001, 12 people died in 12 fatal crashes in Michigan. Two of those crashes involved alcohol. During the 2001-2002 New Year's holiday, 11 people died in 10 fatal crashes. Half of those crashes involved alcohol.
- In 2001, had-been-drinking injury crashes in Michigan were highest in December (617) and October (604).
- The severity of injuries is much worse for drivers and passengers who had been drinking.
- A fatality in a crash is nine times more likely when one of the crash-involved operators is report as "had been drinking."

Information compiled by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning

- Every 30 minutes in the United States, one fatality results from an alcohol-related crash.
- Nationally, approximately 1.5 million impaired drivers are arrested annually.
- Nationally, impaired driving is on the rise. More than 17,000 people are killed each year. More than 300,000 people are injured.

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