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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Anyone in Louisiana who chooses to drink and drive during the three-day July Fourth holiday weekend is putting their own life and liberty at risk, according to the [Louisiana Highway Safety Commission](#).

"If you're caught drinking and driving this weekend, you will celebrate Independence Day in jail," said LHSC Deputy Director Kenneth Trull. "There will be no excuses. You can drive sober or get pulled over." The long weekend and low gasoline prices are expected to contribute to increased highway traffic through Monday evening, Trull said. Law enforcement across Louisiana will aggressively target drunk drivers with a "no tolerance" policy. During the 2014 July Fourth extended weekend in Louisiana, 112 people were injured and eight were killed in vehicle crashes involving alcohol, according to statistics from the Louisiana Highway Safety Research Group.

"We want people to travel throughout Louisiana and enjoy the holiday with friends and family, but we want them to do so safely," Trull said. "Buzzed driving is drunk driving, and driving after consuming any amount of alcohol can lead to disastrous consequences. We all have to do our part to prevent these tragedies." The [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) has developed [SaferRide](#), a free and easy-to-use mobile app that allows the user to quickly identify their location and call a taxi, friend or family member to pick them up. SaferRide is free and available on iTunes and Google Play.

Please follow these safety tips to avoid drinking and driving:

- Plan a safe way home before the fun begins.
- Designate a sober driver or use public transportation to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact police.

If you know people who are about to drive after drinking, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.