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Keep the magic alive: choose a sober ride this Christmas

BOISE - As Idahoans prepare for holiday gatherings and festive celebrations, the Idaho Office of Highway Safety (OHS) reminds everyone to make a sober ride home part of their Christmas plans.

"All anyone wants for Christmas is to have their loved ones safe and together," said Highway Safety Manager Josephine Middleton. "Too many lives have been devastated by senseless drunk driving crashes. By planning ahead for a sober ride, we can prevent heartache and keep the season joyful for years to come."

In 2023, impaired driving in Idaho caused **1,708 crashes** and resulted in **105 fatalities**. These tragedies serve as a sobering reminder of the dangers of driving under the influence.

To help ensure a safe holiday season, OHS encourages everyone to take steps to avoid impaired driving. Whether it's designating a sober driver, using a ride-share service, or making arrangements to stay where you're celebrating, planning ahead can save lives.

For more information and resources on safe driving, visit [Shift Idaho](#) and [Be Here Tomorrow](#).

Let's work together to keep Idaho's roads safe and ensure everyone has a magical Christmas season.

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