

## **Preventing Impaired Driving**

Fact

- Very few people are injured or killed annually in impaired accidents
- Alcohol does not effect severity of traffic collisions.
- Less than 20% of people driving at night have consumed alcohol.
- Alcoholics make up the majority of impaired drivers.
- The trend of hard core drinkers to stop driving after drinking has shown significant change over the last several years.
- Less than 25% of injured drivers have been drinking

## **Fiction**

- 1,680 people are killed and 74,000 are injured each year in alcohol related crashes
- Drunk drivers kill an average of 4.5 people and injure 125 in Canada every 24 hours.
- 1 out of 5 drivers on Canadian roads at night has been drinking and 1 in 25 is illegally impaired.
- Most alcohol related crashes are caused by self-declared social drinkers.
- No change has been shown over the past several years in the number of hard core drinkers driving after drinking.
- 25 30% of injured drivers have been drinking, and 75% of these drivers have blood alcohol levels in excess of the legal limit

## How to Stop Impaired Driving

- Have a designated driver present at any event where consumption of alcohol will occur.
- Make sure to not allow friends to drive after drinking alcohol.
- Use public transportation after drinking when other means of transportation is not available.
- If you must drive refrain from drinking ANY alcohol.