



Traffic Safety News

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Super Bowl 2011

This is an exciting time of the year for football fans... it's the Super Bowl! Whether your team is in it or not, many people enjoy getting together at a friend's house or sports bar to watch the big game. Here are the winning plays that you need to have in your playbook before the game begins.

What you need to know

For some watching the big game means drinking alcohol. Even if you just plan to drink a few, it can still be dangerous if you choose to drive afterward. Here are the statistics you need to know:

- So far this year, during targeted NFL playoff enforcement, 9 people have been arrested for Driving under the Influence.
- 20 police agencies are conducting 43 patrols and 1 checkpoint on Super Bowl Sunday.

What you can do

To stay safe on the night of the big game, make the following safety tips part of your playbook:

- **Select the MVP** – Who is the most valuable player? The one who gets everyone home safely. Designate a sober driver before the game begins –or volunteer to be the designated driver yourself.
- **Add back up to your roster** – The second string doesn't always play, but it is still a good idea to have them. Program the numbers for local cab companies in your phone before kickoff.
- **Pace Yourself** – The game isn't won in the first quarter. If you choose to drink, set a limit and stick to it. Pace yourself—eat food, take breaks, and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks.
- **Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk** – Don't fumble this one. If you see another fan about to drive drunk, make the block. You'll be glad you did.