



Short Safety Subject

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How To Spot A Drunk Driver

These warning signs should be your signal to take down a license plate number and vehicle description to report to the proper authorities. Do not attempt to stop the vehicle.

- ◆ Wide turns.
- ◆ Straddling lanes or driving on the center line.
- ◆ Drifting or moving in a straight line at a slight angle to the roadway.
- ◆ Driving with headlights off at night.
- ◆ Appearing to be drunk (i.e., eye fixation, face close to windshield, drinking in the vehicle).
- ◆ Driving below the speed limit.
- ◆ Erratic braking or stopping without cause.
- ◆ Slow response to traffic signals (sudden stop, delayed start).
- ◆ Nearly striking an object, curb, etc.
- ◆ Weaving or zig-zagging across the road.
- ◆ Driving on the wrong side of the road or completely off the roadway.
- ◆ Tailgating.
- ◆ Accelerating or decelerating rapidly.

HOW TO REPORT A DRUNK DRIVER

Once connected with a law enforcement agency, provide them with following information:

- ◆ Tell them you wish to report a suspected drunk driver.
- ◆ Give exact location (identify road and direction) of the vehicle being driven erratically.
- ◆ Give a description of the vehicle such as model, color, license number, etc.
- ◆ Describe the manner in which the vehicle is being driven.

DO NOT

- ◆ Do not attempt to stop the vehicle.
- ◆ Do not attempt to follow if the vehicle is exceeding the posted speed limit or if any other hazard may exist due to following the vehicle.
- ◆ Do not disregard any traffic signals in an attempt to keep the drunk driver in view.
- ◆ Do not follow the drunk driver too closely, because they may stop suddenly.
- ◆ Do not get so engrossed in following the drunk driver that you begin weaving in the road with the drunk driver.
- ◆ Do not attempt to detain the drunk driver if they should stop.
- ◆ Do not attempt to act in the capacity of any police, fire or medical person unless you are properly trained and authorized to perform that function.
- ◆ Do not attempt to assist any law enforcement officer while they are apprehending a drunk driver, unless requested.