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# BEFORE YOU TAKE IT TO-GO, HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**Alcohol-impaired driving is preventable.  
you can do your part to keep roadways  
safe with three easy steps.**



# STOP

Before choosing to drive under the influence, STOP! Alcohol use impairs motor skills, judgment, and coordination. Driving under the influence of alcohol not only affects you, but everyone around you.

## In Virginia

There were 6,749 alcohol related crashes in 2021. Of those crashes, 237 were fatal.

67% of DUI convictions were male drivers in 2022.

Alcohol related serious injuries made up 14% of all serious traffic injuries. 6% of these crashes resulting in the death of a person.

## In Chesterfield County

In 2022, there were 329 alcohol related crashes. One hundred and twenty-five of those crashes involved young adults between the ages of 16-25.

An average of 14.14% of those charged with DUI by Chesterfield County Police between 2018-20 admitted to consuming a drug in addition to alcohol, compared to 10% in 2015-2018.

# THINK

Alcohol impaired driving is a costly choice. Think of the consequences of a DUI before choosing to drive under the influence.

## Convictions for DUI first offense

Mandatory, minimum \$250 fine

The court can impose a fine up to \$2,500

Drivers license revocation for one year

## Conviction for DUI second offense

Mandatory, minimum \$500 fine

Drivers license revocation for three years

Possible jail term for up to one year

## Under 21

Virginia has "zero tolerance" laws making it illegal for underage drivers (those under 21 years old) to get behind the wheel with a .02% BAC or more.

If you are under the age of 21 and convicted of driving after illegally consuming alcohol with a BAC between 0.02% and 0.08%, the court penalty will include:

Suspension of driving privilege for one year

Minimum, mandatory fine of \$500, or  
50 hours of community service

# PLAN

If you plan to drink, first have a plan in place to Secure a sober ride home. Do not drive under the influence. Make responsible decisions.

## Ways to avoid driving under the influence

Don't drink alcohol or use drugs.

Use convenient rideshare services such as Uber or Lyft.

Use a regular taxi or public transportation.

Assign the role of 'sober driver' to a friend or family member.

If you are impaired, stay where you are until you are sober.

If you think friends may be impaired, encourage them to stay the night.

Stay home and drink responsibly.

