

Drive Safe this Memorial Day

Dangers of Drunk Driving and Stats on Underage Drinking

What teens and parents think of drinking:



73%

of Texas teens claim most or all of their friends drinking motivates them to drink, too.



62%

of Texas teens say their parents are a motivating factor for them not to drink.

In Texas, parents and teens agree on one key thing — **62% of both parents and teens believe it is completely unacceptable to drink before the age of 21.**



A national survey conducted by MADD and Nationwide showed that teens who receive the clear message from their parents that it is completely unacceptable to drink are **more than 80 percent less likely to drink** than teens who receive other messages.

In 2016, 987 people lost their lives to DUI incidents:

- 638 DUI drivers
- 56 pedestrians and cyclists
- 143 passengers in vehicles driven by DUI drivers
- 149 persons in vehicles not driven by DUI drivers and one other

For more information, visit:

<https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/>

A large majority of DUI crashes occur between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m., with the two highest days being Saturday and Sunday.

Sources:

<http://www.betweenkids.com/2014/08/madd-power-of-parents/>
<https://www.rightstep.com/resources/texas-addiction-information/texas-drunk-driving-statistics/>