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Don't Drink And Drive

No one can know what will happen in the next few minutes. No one can know when an accident will come. However, there are many accidents that could be known, and could be prevented before they happen. According to many statistics, one of the main causes of death in the USA is car accidents. They kill many people every year. There are many causes of car accidents, such as old cars or bad weather. However, the most important cause of car accidents in this country is drunk driving, which everybody can prevent. There are three ways in particular to reduce drunk-driving accidents: by changing the law, by talking with young people, and by being a driver for people who have had too much to drink.

First of all, the government should increase the fine and the amount of time in prison. For example, the fine should be \$2000, and the drunk driver should serve at least one year in prison for the first violation. After that the fine and the time in prison should be doubled. The penalty for the second violation should be \$4000 and two years in prison. The penalty for the third violation should be \$8000 and four years in prison. How many times will a person violate the law with these changes? The punishment seems very harsh, but it could protect many drivers on the streets. I believe everybody would think carefully before they drink. I also believe with these changes all people

would think twice before drinking and driving. It may not be a good way, but it could help reduce the amount of drunk drivers.

Second, the government should have more programs to talk with young and new drivers about the dangers of drunk driving. In my opinion, the government should spend more time with young drivers. Young people, in general, attend parties and sometimes cannot control themselves. But the government could help by offering classes for students to earn credit at schools. Students could receive some small gifts if they pass the class. I believe the gift would be a reminder of the message learned from the class. I think the small gift could make a change in young people's minds. Other people who do not pass the class could receive a sticker for their car. The sticker should have a message about drunk driving. The class could provide young students information about the dangers of drinking and driving. If the young understand clearly the dangers of drunk driving, I believe drunk-driving accidents will reduce.

Finally, all restaurants and clubs should provide a driver for drunken people. In my opinion, establishment-sponsored drivers could improve their businesses and help reduce the number of drunk driving accidents. Restaurants and clubs would spend a small amount of money for a driver, but the revenue from it would make the service worthwhile. For example, when a customer goes to a club, he would be willing to drink if he knows he will be taken home safely. When the customer is willing to drink, the restaurant or the club sells more beer and wine. A driver for a drunk could be used as an added service for clubs or restaurants advertising their businesses. In addition, bars and clubs could provide rooms for drunken people. The rooms could be free or chargeable. When restaurants or clubs want to sell beer and wine, the government

could require all of the establishments to provide that service for their customers. I believe “a driver for the drunk” could help reduce drunk-driving accidents.

Indeed, drunk-driving accidents can be prevented if everybody understands that it is a crime. It is a crime because it can injure or kill other people. When people leave their houses, they always want to return home safely. Everybody could return home safely if all drivers would drive carefully and not drink and drive. Anyone could provide many ways to prevent drunk drivers. However, all of those ways are nothing if drivers do not know their responsibility. Drunk driving can be prevented, and now it is the responsibility of all drivers. Let’s become responsible drivers.