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How to Reduce Drunk Driving

Drivers with high blood alcohol concentration have a high rate of fatal accidents. Every year many people lose their lives because they drive while they are drunk. Drunk drivers are not the only people in danger, however, because drunk drivers also put other people on the road in danger. Every accident caused by drunk drivers is avoidable by simply increasing the laws and the regulations regarding drunk driving, by providing effective treatment for alcoholics, and by volunteering to drive those who have had too much to drink.

The government should pass stricter laws. Some people might think that the laws are already harsh for the drunk drivers, but drunk drivers need to be taught a lesson for endangering their lives as well as the lives of drivers and pedestrians. First, law enforcement officers must be educated to spot drunk drivers; special training may help the police identify drunk drivers through physical cues. Moreover, there should be more police officers on the road to spot drunk drivers. Second, since sobriety checkpoints have reduced the number of drunk drivers, there should be an increase in the number of sobriety checkpoints. Third, a drunk driver's license should be suspended for more than thirty days the first time they are caught driving under the influence of alcohol, and the jail time should become more than six months. Also, seizing the drunk drivers' licenses can help to reduce drunk driving because it increases their fear of being stopped by police.

The number of drunk driving cases can also be reduced by effective treatment. Some people drink because they are facing some problem in their life or they are addicted to alcohol, and they want to have some peace of mind. Even if the laws were made stricter, those people would still drink. For those people, there should be specific schools or programs to teach them the dangers of the drunk driving. In addition, they should be sent to therapists who can help them with their problems. These drunk drivers should be monitored for a considerable period of time until they are fully recovered. Next, the breath analyzer called Ignition Interlock Devices (IID) should be placed in their car.

Next, consumption of alcohol should be reduced. This is possible in many ways; for example, the state can increase taxes and therefore increase the price of alcoholic beverages, and limit the number of places that sell intoxicating beverages. Also, restaurant managers can train the drink servers to serve only a limited number of drinks and only allow bars to be open for a limited time period.

Drunk driving is not only the government's problem; it is everyone's problem and we should all cooperate to reduce it. First, providing other options of transportation for drunk drivers will lessen the probability of the accidents. Someone should always volunteer to be the designated driver who would not drink in order to drive friends back safely to their homes. Society can discourage drunk driving through awareness campaigns. Moreover, we should ask drunk drivers to listen to the people who have had accidents due to driving under the influence of alcohol. People should call the police whenever they see drunk drivers at bars, or just offer them a ride.

In conclusion, we can reduce drunk driving by making some simple changes in the law and in our behavior. We need to help and support each other. I just want to say that we have only

one life, and we need to make the best choices for it. Unfortunately, drunk driving is one of the biggest issues in our everyday life. It is sad to hear that many lives are lost each year because of driving under the influence.