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Totally Preventable

I believe that accidents that happen while drinking and driving are totally preventable. People suffer the rest of their lives because of these selfish accidents. If the government would lay down some really strict laws, people would take a lot more precaution. Letting people drink and drive from parties should also have a consequence. Another good way to help prevent drinking and driving is by making the sentence for drinking and driving longer.

One of the laws should be that if a person is caught drinking and driving, they should spend a week in jail and have their licence removed, for a year. People would think about it twice. How would they get to work? If the police arrest a man who is under the influence, they should take him to the morgue. This would open the eyes of this person, giving them a reason not to drink and drive. Another harsh punishment could be to make them serve life sentences with no chance of parole or giving them a strike if they kill people. Then make a nationwide example of them. This will show people what can happen if you drink and drive and hurt someone in the process.

Family and friends could also be a big part of this cause. If you see that someone is going to leave a party intoxicated, take their keys away. If you can't, get someone else to help you. If the person keeps causing problems, then you should call the cops. A lot of people won't agree with the cop calling because they are friends or family, but if you do you can save a life. I

couldn't imagine letting my sister leave drunk and killing herself or someone else. In that case it wouldn't hurt to see her in jail for one night compared to the rest of her life or dead.

Also, the media should pay more attention to drinking accidents instead of focusing so much on famous people who don't know or care about us. Tell the whole nation about the nine-year-old boy in Lodi who lost his mom, dad, three siblings, and an unborn brother or sister. The news should let us know how these offenders will be paying for their crimes. Make them look like the irresponsible people that they are. They weren't thinking about others when they got into their cars and drove off.

I know that a lot of people won't agree with the way I want us to deal with D.U.I's. However, wouldn't these laws and ways of handling the situations make people think more than twice about leaving intoxicated? I believe that this is a big issue, so let's make people realize and help prevent it.