

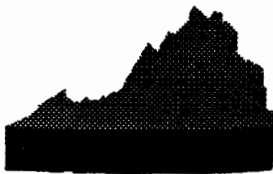
For all new drivers, here's the 411 on Drinking and Driving



According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, male teenage drivers with blood alcohol concentrations in the 0.05-0.10 percent range are 18 times more likely than sober teenagers to be killed in single-vehicle crashes. The corresponding comparison for females is 54 times more likely.



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately 3 in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.



In Virginia, it is against the law for drivers under the age of 21 to drive with any alcohol in their system.

How can you help prevent drunk driving?

- ♦ Do not consume alcohol or use illicit drugs. It is against the law to consume alcohol if you are under 21 years of age and illicit drugs are illegal no matter what your age.
- ♦ Focus activities on something other than alcohol.
- ♦ If you do consume alcohol, never get behind the wheel of a car. If the person you rode with consumes alcohol, find a ride home from someone who is sober, call a taxi, or call a friend who can pick you up.

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