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As Halloween Approaches, Kentuckians Are Reminded “Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving”

Drivers encouraged to make a safe plan home before celebrating

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 24, 2026) – To keep Kentuckians safe this Halloween, Team Kentucky is reminding drivers to plan a safe ride home if festivities include drinking and to watch for pedestrians.

“Everyone deserves to enjoy Halloween and make it home safely at the end of the night,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Before you head out to celebrate, think about how you’re getting home. If you’ve been drinking, don’t drive. Make the safe choice and leave the keys behind.”

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety, last year in Kentucky, there were 4,013 highway crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 1,887 injuries and 136 deaths. In the week leading up to and including Halloween, 84 alcohol-involved collisions resulted in two deaths and 30 injuries.

State transportation officials are partnering with the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA) to remind motorists and pedestrians that if they are under the influence of any substance, they are not safe to drive or walk.

“Celebrating Halloween should never come at the expense of someone’s safety,” said KYTC Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “If your plans include alcohol, make arrangements for a sober ride before you head out. And whether you’re driving, walking or trick-or-

treating, slow down, stay alert and look out for one another. A little planning can help everyone get home safely.”

Follow these tips for a safe celebration:

- **Plan a sober ride:** Designate a sober driver, use public transportation or request a rideshare.
- **Don’t walk impaired alone:** If you’ve been drinking, have a sober friend walk you home.
- **Report impaired drivers:** Call law enforcement and provide the vehicle’s location, direction of travel and description, if possible.
- **Take the keys:** If someone plans to drive after drinking, help them find a safe ride home.
- **Buckle up:** Wear a seat belt on every trip. It can help protect you in a crash.

For more information, visit nhtsa.gov/campaign/buzzed-driving.

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