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Indiana BMV Urges Hoosiers to Drive Sober this New Year's Eve

BMV emphasizes the dangers of impaired driving and encourages Hoosiers to make safe driving choices ahead of the New Year's Eve holiday.

Indianapolis, Ind. - December 23, 2025 - The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) reminds drivers to celebrate responsibly as Hoosiers prepare to ring in the new year.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data, December drunk driving deaths are among the highest in the past 15 years. In December 2023 alone, 1,038 lives were lost in drunk-driving crashes.

Blood Alcohol Concentration	Predictable Effects on Driving
.02	Decline in visual functions and ability to perform two tasks at once
.05	Reduced coordination, difficulty steering, and slower response times
.08	Reduced concentration, short-term memory loss, impaired speed control and perception
.10	Reduced ability to maintain lane position and brake appropriately
.15	Substantial impairment in vehicle control and processing of visual & auditory information

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Blood Alcohol Concentration and Driving Effects

To help keep Indiana's roads safe, drivers are advised to keep in mind the following reminders to ensure safe travel throughout the holiday season:

- **Plan Ahead:** Arrange for a designated driver, rideshare, or taxi before heading out.
- **Stay Sober:** Avoid drinking if you plan to drive, since even one drink can impair judgement, reaction time, and coordination.
- **Buckle Up:** Wear your seat belt. It saves lives, especially during high-traffic holiday travel.
- **Watch Out for Others:** Report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911.

The Indiana BMV encourages all Hoosiers to make responsible driving choices for a safe start to 2026.

For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you, visit [IN.gov/BMV](https://www.in.gov/BMV).

About the Bureau of Motor Vehicles

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) serves all Hoosiers by providing best-in-class driver and vehicle services in a timely and accurate manner while ensuring security and transparency. We are committed to continuous improvement and excellence in all aspects of our operations. We strive to ensure that every driver is equipped with the resources and information they need to navigate the roads confidently and safely. The BMV wants to empower customers to interact with us when and how they choose, through streamlined services that maximize convenience and uphold our duty to use Hoosier taxpayer resources wisely.

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