



NEW YEAR'S EVE

In 2018, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [recorded 285 drunk-driving-related fatalities](#) during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods. Whether you are hosting or attending a New Year's celebration, always make a resolution to celebrate the holiday responsibly and safely.

HOSTING A NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Hosting a New Year's party is a fun way to bring in the New Year with loved ones. Help keep your attendees safe during the celebration:

- Avoid drunk driving by designating someone to collect car keys.
- Pop champagne bottle corks away from guests and at a 45-degree angle.
- Enforce a maximum number of alcoholic drinks people can consume.
- Provide partygoers the opportunity to sleep over in a guest bedroom or on couches.
- Practice proper [fireworks safety](#), and research local and state firework laws.

ATTENDING A NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Attending a New Year's celebration can be fun, but also full of potential hazards. When attending, practice proper situational awareness:

- Attend the celebration with trusted friends or loved ones.
- Choose a designated driver responsible for driving the group home from the celebration.
- Carry a portable cell phone charger to ensure cell phones are available in case of an emergency.
- Consume food before drinking alcoholic beverages.
- Report drunk drivers and suspicious individuals to law enforcement.