

Entry for the Arrive Alive Contest

My name is Emma and I was killed by my best friend in an accident that could have been prevented.

You see, it all started when I arrived at a party with my friend Mike. I left to hang out with some friends and Mike went to the kitchen where he started drinking. After a few hours, I was tired and I wanted to go home so I went and found Mike in the kitchen. He was still drinking and even though I should have called my parents and had them drive me home, but Mike insisted on driving me home. "I'm fine! I'm not even buzzed yet!" He told me. I climbed into the car and instantly knew something was wrong. Mike turned the key and hit the gas, sending us spinning out of the driveway. We hit a patch of ice and swerved into the other lane, almost hitting another car in the process. "Stop the car Mike!" I yelled as he swerved again. "Shut up! You aren't home yet!" He yelled at me and shoved me hard into the door. I realized that we were heading straight for a telephone pole and I screamed as my side of the car hit it. I breathed slowly and realized that I was dying. Mike looked over and screamed as I took my last breath. I wish I could say that I said something heroic like they do in the movies as I took my last breath but I didn't. I died and Mike would live with that guilt until the day he died. One mistake took my life away. If Mike hadn't been drinking, I would still be alive and he wouldn't have the guilt to live with. I wish I had called my parents to pick me up, actually I wish I had done a lot of things different that night. While I can't change the past, you can avoid the mistake I made in the future. Don't drink and drive and if you get into trouble, call your parents or someone you trust to get you home safely. One action can change the course of you or your friend's lives so act responsibly. If I had the choice, I would have made an entirely different decision. I would have chosen to live. You have a choice so make the correct one. Don't drink and drive.