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As a senior in high school one hears a lot about people being in accidents because they were hit by a drunk driver or they were headed home from a party and had been or still were drinking while driving and possibly could have rapped their car around the tree, pole, and etcetera.

I will start off by telling you a story about one of my sister's friends who was killed by a drunk driver on his birthday no less. He was heading back home after his friends took him out to dinner and just having a good alcohol free time, now I can't remember who she said was driving but I do remember her saying that a drunk driver had gone through a red light and hit the car he and his friends where in, all his friends where ok just badly hurt while he on the other hand had been killed. He was a smart guy and he was a good dancer as well (which is how they met... dance class). He had many friends whom were devastated when they heard word of this tragedy.

To continue; people don't really think clearly when it comes to having alcohol in their systems- all they can really think about is how they don't care and could take more drinks, as many as they want but in reality they are really forgetting what the bigger picture is and that is all the lives these people are risking in the process of drinking whether it be they are drinking or not, there is always that possibility of being put in the hospital because of a drunk driver or being the drunk driver and putting someone else in the hospital.

I believe that if you are capable of drinking then that makes you ready to take the risk of taking a life and you (the intoxicated one) should have enough common sense to find another ride home instead of having to live with the possibility of taking someone's life or even your own and living with that guilt.

In continuance; A few ways of being distracted while driving could include a cellular phone going off whether it is for a text message, a call, or even just an alarm of some sort, the radio being too loud, even people in the car could be rowdy which can also a big distraction. A few ways on how to avoid the following would be to put the volume on the phone to vibrate or silent and only check it when you reach your destination. Instead of cranking the radio try adjusting it to the volume that is comfortable for you and/or all your passengers to still be able to hear. Third; a way to avoid a distracted driving situation when there is a car full of rowdy people is to just tell the passengers that they are in your car and you

wish they would just sit back and enjoy the ride until you get to the destination. Doing all the above can help any driver avoid any chances of being in an accident and risking many lives.