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Drunk Driving

Dunk driving is a major problem for young adults and even older adults. Drinking and driving is one of the most controversial things for young adults because our brains are still developing which means we make dumb decisions sometimes. Brains fully develop by our mid-20s and 30s. The age of young adults is 18 - 35 which means most young adults are affected by drunk driving. This doesn't mean people above the age still make bad decisions and end up drunk driving. So really how big is this problem?

Every day more than 50 people die from alcohol-related car crashes which means somebody dies every 50 minutes due to drunk driving. In 2016, 10,497 people died in drunk driving crashes, accounting for 28% of all traffic-related deaths in the United States and that number is still rising. 209 deaths have occurred between the ages of 0-14 due to drunk driving. Seeing these results makes anyone not to drink and drive, but yet it still happens so how do we prevent it? Always have a non-drinker at a party or in a group with you at all times if you need to be home that night after drinking. Don't let friends drive when you have seen them drinking. Plan ahead if you plan to drink at a party or bar.

So, in conclusion, to help fix this mess of a problem you need to be aware, plan ahead, have a friend who doesn't drink with you at parties. The horrific facts that have

braced the internet for all to see and need to be seen more throughout daily news and television to help spread awareness about this problem. This message is not to make adults stop drinking and having fun I just want this problem to be preventable for young adults and teens. What if you caused an accident and you killed someone's son or daughter. How would that make you feel? How could you deal with that guilt? Or think about how your family would feel if you were killed in an alcohol-related accident. This is why alcohol companies say at the end of their advertisements to drink responsibly. So my message to you is to be aware, plan ahead, and drink responsibly.