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Feeling Invincible

As a teenager, I can relate to the feeling of being invincible. I know I am not the only teen either. Cruising down a street at night with the windows open, music blaring, and friends in the car, makes anyone feel on top of the world and like nothing could go wrong. In reality, however, it is quite the opposite. Anything can go wrong at any given moment because all it takes is a split second for the car to end up on the side of the road because of a distraction. Someone could be messing around and accidentally knock the driver's arm and cause the car to jerk. Or someone has something to show the driver and when they look, they swerve into oncoming traffic. This situation is not always the case, however. The littlest distractions can also lead to devastating consequences, and remind you that you are not invincible.

Let's say it's the middle of the day, and you're driving home by yourself with no music and the windows are up. Then your phone buzzes and you quickly glance down to see who the message was from. When you look up, you're in the wrong lane with a dump truck headed straight for you at 40 miles per hour. Personally, I would've checked that message too. I wouldn't even pick my phone up, I would have just looked down at it quickly on the empty passenger seat and still start to swerve. Occasionally music needs to be changed whether it is playing through your phone or the actual radio and that can also be super distracting. This day and age, it is too easy to get distracted while driving. However, it requires a little more effort to drive under the influence.

First step is going to a party, then start to drink and drink until you can't see straight. Next you make that incredibly responsible decision of driving home with or without friends.

Believe it or not, that is actually a terrible, and irresponsible decision. Drinking under the influence causes you to make not so smart and responsible decisions like you would when sober. So you might think you're ok to drive, but in reality, you're probably going to end up badly hurt, or worse, you could badly hurt someone who is in the car with you.

It is a terrible thing when it happens, and what makes it even worse, is the fact that it could have been avoided. You could have waited until you were sober. You could have waited until you got home to check that message. Because how important is that text, compared to your own life, or the life of a mother with her child walking on the side of the road? How important is it that you get home before you get in trouble for being out and drinking, compared to your own life and anyone who is in the car with you? It could have been prevented from ever happening and you could have made it home safely to the family that loves you and continued to thrive in life. You could have arrived alive. As it turns out, invincibility is just a feeling.