Impaired Driving Defined: Accidents involving drugs or alcohol as contributing factors are classified as impaired driving incidents. For example, crashes where a sober driver collides with an impaired pedestrian are recorded as impaired driving accidents.\(^1\)\(^2\)

**Did you know...** In 2022, only 6.5% of all Idaho crashes were caused by impaired driving. Yet, impaired driving accounted for 51.2% of all crash fatalities in that same year, resulting in 110 avoidable deaths. \(^1\)

### Impaired Driving In Idaho: Quick Facts

- In 2022, of the 110 people killed in impaired driving incidents in Idaho, 85% were either the impaired driver, the person riding with the impaired driver, or an impaired pedestrian.\(^1\)
- Males comprised 71% of the Idaho drivers involved in impaired driving crashes in 2022.\(^1\)
- Idaho drivers aged 21-25 were the most over-represented population in impaired driving crashes in 2022, with a rate 2.1 times higher than expected.\(^1\)

### Alcohol Impaired Driving In Idaho and Across the U.S.

Teen drivers have a much higher risk for being involved in a crash than older drivers with the same blood alcohol concentration, even at levels below the legal limit.\(^2\)

- Approximately 3% of Idaho students report having driven a vehicle after drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.\(^3\)
- While approximately 1.4% of Idaho adults report driving after drinking too much.\(^5\)

**Did you know...** In 2021, 5% of U.S. drivers reported they drove when they thought they were over the legal BAC limit in 2021, which was a 35.5% increase from 2020.\(^4\)

### What should be done?

**Know the facts:** At a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 (the legal limit), compared with a zero BAC, the likelihood of involvement in a fatal crash is 10 times higher among 16-20 year-old drivers, 7 times higher among drivers ages 21-34, and 6 times higher among drivers 35 and older.\(^8\)

**What Everyone Can Do:** \(^9\)

- Don’t let your friends and family drive while impaired.
- Never get in the car with an impaired driver.
- If you host a party with alcohol or drugs, remind your guests to plan for a sober ride home.
- Always wear a seatbelt! Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of dying or being seriously injured in a crash by about half.