# **SYMBIOS HEALTH**

**Empowering Healthy Working** 

### The Dangers of Drink Driving

A Public Safety Concern



# What is Drink Driving?

### **'Operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs'**

- There are legal implications and consequences
- The importance of responsible driving is paramount





### Prevalence of Drink Driving

Based on data from 2021

- Total number of collisions; 4,660
- Total number of casualties; 6,740
- Highest incidence between 10pm and 4am
- Month; July = highest no. of collision and casualties.
  December = 6<sup>th</sup> for collisions and 4<sup>th</sup> for casualties.
- Male drivers aged 17-24 are over-represented in drink drive related accidents.

(www.gov.uk)

### Effects of Alcohol on Driving

Alcohol impairs driving abilities:

- Slowed reaction time
- Reduced coordination
- Impaired judgement
- Decreased concentration
- Blurred vision



### Units of alcohol

#### **COULD YOUR DRINKING BE** NHS **PUTTING YOUR HEALTH AT RISK?**









13.5% ABV

**10 UNITS** 

5% ABV

**1.4 UNITS** 



175ml GLASS OF RED OR WHITE WINE 13% ABV **2.3 UNITS** 



LAGER

4% ABV

**2.3 UNITS** 



BITTER

5% ABV

**2.8 UNITS** 



50ml GLASS OF 25ml SINGLE SPIRIT FORTIFIED WINE AND MIXER (E.G. SHERRY) 20% ABV 40% ABV 1 UNIT 1 UNIT



PINT OF STRONG

BEER/LAGER/CIDER

5.2% ABV

**3 UNITS** 





500ml

3.8% ABV

**1.9 UNITS** 

**50ml DOUBLE SPIRIT** AND MIXER 40% ABV 2 UNITS



OF ALCO-POP





### Strict Alcohol Limits

Even small amounts of alcohol can impair driving

The way alcohol affects you depends on:

- weight, age, sex and metabolism
- type and amount of alcohol being drunk
- what you've eaten recently
- stress levels at the time

#### Drink-Drive alcohol limits

- 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100ml of breath
- 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood
- 107mg of alcohol per 100ml of urine





### Consequences of Drink Driving

- Criminal penalties
- License suspension
- Increased insurance rates
- Civil lawsuit for damages
- Difficulty travelling abroad



### Personal Consequences

The impact on the driver:

- Guilt and remorse
- Emotional trauma
- Potential injury or death
- Long-term personal and psychological effects



### Consequences to Others







### Preventing Drink Driving

- Designate a sober driver
- Use public transport, taxi's or walk
- Arrange for a ride-sharing service
- Stay overnight at the location
- Responsible party hosting



### Designated Drivers

- The role of a designated driver
- Take it in turns to be the sober driver
- Designated drivers are effective in preventing accidents



### Public Awareness Campaigns





The importance of public awareness and education

Organisations and campaigns against drink driving

Encourage involvement and support for these initiatives



### Conclusion

- Dangers and consequences of drink driving
- Personal and societal responsibility
- It is your own duty to make responsible choices



## Resources

Further reading and support:

- <u>Reported drinking and driving: data</u> <u>tables - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>
- <u>Drink-driving penalties GOV.UK</u> (www.gov.uk)
- Drink driving THINK!
- <u>CADD HOME PAGE</u>
- <u>Home Drink & Drug Driving</u> <u>Initiative (daddi.org.uk)</u>
- Alcohol support NHS (www.nhs.uk)

