



# NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Impaired driving is scary

### *Niles Police Department is cracking down on drunk and drugged driving*

**Niles, IL** – The **Niles Police Department** today urged motorists to commit to sober driving this Halloween when children and their families will be walking through neighborhoods after dark in search of candy and spooky fun. If you will be out scaring up a good time, remember to plan for a sober ride home.

“Even one drink can impair your ability to make responsible decisions,” said Bureau Chief Robert Tornabene. “That’s why it is so important to know how you’ll get home before you leave for the party. We urge you to plan ahead to help keep yourself and others safe.”

Impaired drivers should never get behind the wheel. It is illegal in Illinois to drive impaired by alcohol, drugs or any other substance. Remember: DUIs are not restricted to alcohol-related offenses. If you drive high, you’ll get a DUI.

The Niles Police Department urges everyone to follow these simple tips to help keep our roads safe this Halloween:

- Plan a safe way to get home before you attend a party.
- Designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use your favorite ride-sharing service, or call a sober friend or family member to get home.
- Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving impaired. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement as soon as it is safe to do so.
- If you see an impaired person about to drive, take their keys and help them get home safely.

The Halloween enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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