



**Alcohol Impaired Driving**    Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion Questions for Avoiding Collisions    Knowledge**

**1. Have you ever had to make a decision about taking a ride with a driver who was drinking? What happened?**

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**2. How did seeing the mother whose son died in an alcohol-related crash affect you?**

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**3. What are your feelings about the young man who boasted about drinking and driving?**

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You have just completed listening to Kevin's story. You will have about three to five minutes to answer each question. Be prepared to share your answers.

1. Describe Kevin as a person. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did you learn from Kevin's story? \_\_\_\_\_

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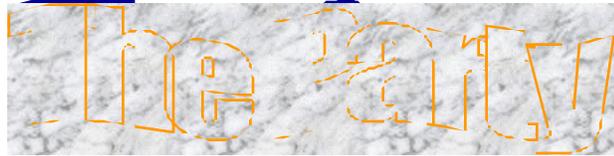
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Discussion Questions for **Driving Drunk, Your Choice**

- 1. We usually think of drinking and driving crashes as "accidents." What makes an "accident" really an accident? Are drinking and driving crash situations really accidents?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. Impaired driving has been called "the most preventable crime we know." Is impaired driving preventable? How?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. Can you really stop an impaired person from driving?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4. What would you say to someone who is impaired and about to drive?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5. What can you personally do to help stop drinking and driving?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6. What other decisions can lead to or prevent car crashes?**

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 ←----- Adam hosted the party 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

 ←----- Bart came with beer 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

 ←----- Clint bought beer 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

 ←----- Darcy did not tell 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

 ←----- Ethan drove & drank 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

 ←----- Fawn told him to drink 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

 ----- Ginger called for ride 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

 ----- Hank threw keys 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



Making decisions is an everyday, almost every-minute process; some are easy, some are not. The decision to eat is a simple one, the stomach sends messages to the brain and we respond. But after choosing to eat, we still have to decide what to eat.

Some decisions are more difficult to make, such as those involving other people. Many factors influence the decisions and/or choices we make in our lives.

There are several ways in which a person can arrive at a decision. Here is one method you can consider.

1. Recognize that a decision must be made in a given situation.
2. Consider the possible choices of action which can be taken.
3. Think about the risks and payoffs of each choice.
4. Choose the most favorable action based on the payoffs and the risks as you see them.
5. Act.
6. Answer for yourself, "Would I choose this again?"

In the past, when you have made important decisions, how have you made them? Did you use some of the steps listed above?

For practice, think about next Saturday night, how will you decide what you will do and what you won't do?



**Suppose . . .**

You are out with a group of friends and things have not gone as planned. The consumption of alcohol is involved. You realize that it's 1:00 A.M. and do not feel safe going home as planned.

If you did, then . . . (What could happen?)

You could . . . (action)

1. Stay overnight with one of your friends.
2. Drive home, trying to be extra careful. i.e. drive slow, open windows, radio real loud.
3. Call your parents and ask them to pick you up.
4. Get a ride home with someone else involved in the activity.
5. Call another. i.e. relative, taxi, etc., for a ride home

Other choices:

As a result of consequences created, select the best course of action for you if a drinking/driving situation is encountered in the future.

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Suppose one of your best friends has just bought his first car. He's driven it to a party to show his friends. At the party he drinks several beers, and by the time he's ready to leave, you notice that he's had too much to drink and shouldn't be driving.

Your friend starts talking about what he should do about the situation. He asks you what you think.

What would you say to your friend about the consequence of each of the options he considers? Write your ideas in the spaces below each comment.

I could go ahead and **DRIVE HOME** and try to be **EXTRA-CAREFUL**.

I should **CALL MY PARENTS** and ask them to come **PICK ME UP**.

I could **STAY A LITTLE LONGER** and try to **SOBER UP**.

I could drive home with my **WINDOWS OPEN** and **RADIO BLASTING!**

I could **CATCH A RIDE** with **SOMEBODY ELSE** at the party!

What **OTHER CHOICES** do I have?



Parents:



According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, more than 10,000 teen drivers in this country are killed annually in alcohol related crashes, another 40,000 disfigured.

As parents you recognize first of all that it is illegal for adults to drink and drive with a blood alcohol level of .10 or more. You also recognize that if your child is under the age of 21, the “Zero Tolerance” law applies, making it is illegal to operate a motor vehicle after any amount of alcohol has been consumed. Although we have this law, some young people do use alcohol and some do drive after drinking.

Surveys of teenagers who have not discussed this issue with their parents, indicates that they feel their parents would either be non-supportive or extremely harsh if they requested parental assistance when confronted with a drinking/driving situation.

In an effort to assist young people to develop alternatives to the drinking/driving situation the “Decision To Talk Consequence Search” (on the reverse side) has been provided for your use in discussing the issue with your teenager.