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## DRUNK DRIVING IN AMERICA

- Alcohol-impaired driving is the most frequently committed violent crime in the U.S. (NHTSA, 2003)
- On average someone is killed by a drunk driver every 40 minutes.(NHSTA 2008)
- In 2007, nearly 13,000 people were killed in drunk driving related crashes (NHTSA, 2008)
- Each year, approximately half a million people are injured in crashes where police reported that alcohol was present—an average of one person injured approximately every minute. (Blincoe, Seay et al., 2002)
- An estimated three of every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic crash at some time in their lives. (NHTSA, 2001)
- Research shows that alcohol-related crashes cost the public an estimated \$114.3 billion annually—this includes an estimated \$63.2 billion lost in quality of life due to these crashes. (Taylor, Miller, and Cox, 2002)
- The societal costs of alcohol-related crashes average \$1.00 per drink consumed. People other than the drinking driver paid \$0.60 per drink. (Taylor, Miller, and Cox, 2002)
- Approximately 1.46 million drivers were arrested in 2006 for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. This is an arrest rate of 1 for every 139 licensed drivers in the United States. (NHTSA, 2008)
- One arrest is made for driving under the influence for every 772 episodes of driving within two hours of drinking and for every 88 episodes of driving over the illegal limit in the U.S. (Zador, Paul, Krawchuk, and Moore, 1995)
- Multiple studies on interlocks for both first-time and repeat offenders show that Interlocks reduce repeat drunk driving offenses by an average of 64 percent. (Willis, Lybrand, and Bellamy, (2005)

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