

Letter: Avoid a holiday tragedy

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The holiday season comes with family gatherings, social time with friends, and office parties. These joyful events can lead to life-altering consequences, like drunken driving.

When I was 16 years old in 1992, a drunken driver hit me. I had a four month coma, broken bones, paralysis and brain injuries. My gait and speech are affected and I lost my driving and hearing abilities. For 30+ years, I read lips and cannot enjoy holiday music due to my brain injury. Drunken drivers injure lives many ways.

Planning to take US Route 101 to attend a holiday gathering? Make smart decisions now if planning to drink: Don't drive drunk. The law enforcement and I urge you to have a sober friend, taxi, etc. drive you to and from this location. This ensures everyone's safety on the road, including yours.

My continuous message to drive sober will never get old because it saves lives. Having a sober driver is a superb way to begin 2023. Happy Holidays.

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