



# City of Monterey Park News Release

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## Monterey Park Police Department Asks Public to Celebrate Memorial Day Holiday Responsibly

*Enforcement efforts aimed at stopping suspected impaired drivers*

Monterey Park, Calif. - May 24, 2019 - Memorial Day weekend is a time many spend with family and friends for outdoor activities but is also what is considered the start of California's 100 dangerous days of summer on roadways between the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

During this time of busy summer travel, [Monterey Park Police Department](#) will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Last Memorial Day, 43 people were injured in alcohol-related collisions, accounting for 25 percent of all injury crashes.

"If you plan on drinking, don't plan on driving," says Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith. "Know beforehand how you are getting home. It's never worth putting yourself and others at risk by driving when you should not be driving."

In recent years, California has seen an increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. The Monterey Park Police Department reminds drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and marijuana can also affect your ability to drive safely, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs.

The Monterey Park Police Department offers these tips to make sure you have a safe Memorial Day holiday and summer:

- Have a sober friend, ride-share, taxi or public transportation be your ride home.
- Report drunk drivers – Call 911.
- Hosting a party? Offer nonalcoholic drinks. Monitor who is drinking and how they are getting home.
- Check any medications or over-the-counter drugs you are taking and how they may impact your ability to drive.

Funding for DUI enforcement is provided by a grant from the [California Office of Traffic Safety](#), through the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#).



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# KNOW YOUR LIMIT



## CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

# Of drinks consumed	Approximate BAC (Male/Female Average)	Time it takes to 0.00%
1	.035	2.3 Hours
2	.065	4.3 Hours
3	.09	6 Hours
4	.12	8 Hours

## BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT (BAC)

is affected by factors including height, weight, food intake, drug and/or medication use and rate of alcohol consumption.



## THE BODY LOWERS YOUR BAC

about .015% every hour. Nothing can speed up this process. Not even coffee or a cold shower.



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### WOMEN

> 120 lbs + 2 drinks = .08% BAC

> 180 lbs + 3 drinks = .08% BAC



### MEN

> 140 lbs + 3 drinks = .08% BAC

> 180 lbs + 4 drinks = .08% BAC

If you need a sober ride, call a ride-sharing service or a friend.



## AVERAGE COST OF A **DUI**

**\$13,500**

+



+



### CALIFORNIA DUI DEFINED

**.08%**  
OR HIGHER

21 years or older  
operating a regular  
passenger vehicle

**.04%**  
OR HIGHER

operating a  
commercial  
vehicle

**.01%**  
OR HIGHER

younger than  
21 years old

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