



New York City Attorney Troubled By Results Of Recent NHTSA Drinking-and-Driving Survey

In light of a survey showing more Americans may be drinking and driving, David Resnick, of David Resnick & Associates PC, says more efforts are needed to combat drunk driving.

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) September 4, 2010 -- A Manhattan personal injury lawyer who focuses on helping automobile accident victims says he is troubled by the results of a recent survey that indicates more Americans are driving after drinking.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released the survey results earlier this month in which 20 percent of the respondents ages 16 and older stated that, within the past year, they had driven within two hours of drinking alcohol.

About two-thirds of those drivers, or 13 percent of the total population, said they had done so within the past 30 days.

According to the survey, those results meant that an estimated 85.5 million past month drinking-and-driving trips had occurred nationally, which was a significant spike from the 73.7 million reported in NHTSA's 2004 survey.

Among 21-24 year olds, the average alcohol consumption was four drinks or more per sitting.

"It's disturbing, if not shocking, to see that so many people still aren't taking seriously the dangers of drinking and driving," says David Resnick, a [New York City personal injury attorney](#) whose law firm, David Resnick & Associates, P.C., represents victims of [motor vehicle accidents](#) in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.

"The only way to combat this trend is to increase efforts to catch and punish drunk drivers for their reckless conduct and to increase people's awareness of the risks associated with drunk driving," Resnick says.

One potentially effective new measure being undertaken in New York is the Child Passenger Protection Act, according to Resnick. The law, also known as "Leandra's Law," took effect August 15.

Under the law, ignition interlock devices are required in the cars of all people convicted of drunk driving, including first-time offenders. The device prevents a car from being started if the driver blows into an attached breathalyzer device and registers a blood alcohol concentration of .025 or higher.

The law also imposes stricter penalties on those convicted of DWIs who were driving passengers under 15 years of age. The offense is a Class E felony.

"Criminal consequences can serve as a major deterrent to impaired driving," Resnick says. "Knowing about the civil consequences can also make people think twice about drinking beer, wine or liquor, or taking any other kind of impairing substance, and getting behind the wheel."

"Drunk drivers can be held liable for property damage, pain and suffering, disfigurement, medical expenses,



funeral costs, lost wages and lost earning capacity as well as punitive damages,” he says. “The consequences of impaired driving can be both tragic and costly for everyone involved.”

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