



## **Although Encouraged by NSDUH Report, New York City Auto Accident Attorneys Says More Needs to be Done to Prevent Impaired Driving**

*Continued prevention efforts are necessary to avoid tragedies caused by drunk driving and drugged driving, says New York City car accident lawyer David Resnick of David Resnick & Associates, P.C.*

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) December 11, 2010 -- Even though New York state has one of the lowest rates of drunk driving and drugged driving in the country, according to a recent report, more can be done to prevent accidents, injuries and deaths caused by impaired driving, says [New York City auto accident attorney](#) David Resnick.

An estimated 13.2 percent of persons aged 16 or older in the U.S., or 30.2 million persons, drove under the influence of alcohol in the past year, while 4.3 percent (10.1 million) drove under the influence of illicit drugs, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health report that came out December 9.

Resnick says that while it was encouraging to see in the report that New York ranked among the states with the lowest rates of drunk driving (7.4 percent to 10.4 percent) and drugged driving (2.9 percent to 3.7 percent), he does not want to see those numbers create a sense of complacency.

“We need to continue to get the word out that combining driving with alcohol or drugs of any kind, whether legal or illegal, can be a recipe for disaster, especially in an area such as New York City, where you have a dense population, heavy tourism, multiple distractions, road construction and a high volume of pedestrian and bike traffic along congested streets,” Resnick says.

Resnick, whose NYC personal injury law firm, David Resnick & Associates, P.C., represents victims of [motor vehicle accidents](#) in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island, says that the recent conviction of a construction van driver who killed a pregnant woman in a Manhattan sidewalk crash illustrates the need for continued focus on the prevention of New York DWI / DUI accidents.

According to a [WABC report](#), prosecutors claimed that the van driver was drunk and distracted by a passenger at the time of the fatal automobile accident.

“As a personal injury lawyer who works with car accident victims and their families, I realize the physical, emotional and financial impact of drunk driving and drugged driving,” Resnick says. “All it takes is one accident caused by a negligent, impaired driver to change a person’s life forever.”

Resnick points out that this month is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. In a recent proclamation, President Barack Obama defined impaired driving as “drunk, drugged and distracted driving,” which would include driving while texting or using an electronic device, such as a cell phone.

“We need to continue to provide information to the public about the dangers and consequences of impaired driving,” Resnick says. “The promotion of safe driving is an ongoing effort.”



About David Resnick & Associates, P.C.

David Resnick & Associates, P.C. is a [New York personal injury law firm](#) that provides professional and compassionate legal assistance to victims of injury and negligence. Founded in 1998, the firm is experienced at handling multiple types of injury and negligence cases, including motor vehicle accidents, hit and run, bicycle accidents, pedestrian injuries, trip and fall, construction accidents, premises liability and other kinds of personal injury and wrongful death claims.

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