



# Don't Drink and Drive

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Drinking and Driving Facts

- ◆ Of the 3,769 people killed in traffic crashes in Texas in 2000, more than half (1,898) died in alcohol-related crashes.
- ◆ About three of every 10 people in the United States will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic crash at some point during their lives.
- ◆ Traffic-related crashes cost employers an estimated \$55 billion each year in direct costs, lost time and worker's compensation. Alcohol is a contributing factor in 39% of all work-related crashes.
- ◆ Impaired driving is the leading cause of death for people under 30 years old.

SOURCE: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

- ◆ Drunk drivers are rarely the only people hurt in an alcohol-related crash. In 1999, 25,547 people were injured in Texas traffic crashes involving alcohol. On average, someone is injured in an alcohol-related crash in Texas every 20 minutes.

SOURCE: Texas Department of Public Safety

- ◆ Drinking drivers between the ages of 21 and 34 comprise approximately half of all drunk drivers involved in fatal alcohol-related traffic crashes, and they are responsible for more alcohol-related fatal crashes than any other age group.

SOURCE: National Commission Against Drunk Drivers

- ◆ One in four high school seniors said they had driven a car after drinking at least once during the past school year.

SOURCE: Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse