

Life-saving tips for holiday parties

As the holiday season is upon us, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) has launched the annual Celebrate Responsibly campaign to promote responsible drinking during the holidays.

Safe holiday party tips:

- Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic drinks to help guests pace themselves
- Get the keys from your guests when they arrive
 - Have a designated driver
- Collect money from your guests for a taxi cab fare fund
- Have a phone number for a taxi company handy
- Plan to be a sober host or hostess so you can determine if your guests are able to drive home
- Stop serving alcohol one hour before the party ends
- Wait until a guest finishes a drink before you serve him/her another one

- Write the name of a taxi company on the invitation
- Know the signs of intoxication

More party tips are available online at www.oregon.gov/olcc.

"The holidays are a time to get together with family and friends and create memories that will last a lifetime," says Rudy Williams, Public Safety Enforcement Director. "Taking a few key steps will ensure that your holiday get-together is remembered for all the right reasons."

OLCC reminds party-goers to know their limits as well. It is against the law for servers and bartenders to sell alcohol to someone who is visibly intoxicated. Social host liability laws can also hold party hosts responsible for any damages, injuries or even death caused by an over-intoxicated guest at your party.









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Happy Christmas to all, and may you have a joyful New Year!