

### Secretary White Reminds Drivers to Celebrate Super Bowl Weekend Safely

Secretary of State Jesse White reminded Illinois drivers to celebrate the Super Bowl Weekend safely and urged motorists to be responsible and use designated drivers if their parties include alcohol.

“Let’s all be winners this Super Bowl Sunday by making sure we don’t drink and drive,” White said. “Celebrating safely means designating a sober driver, taking a cab or bus, or staying where you are.”

- In 2012, there were four people killed in crashes during the Super Bowl weekend, three of those were alcohol-related fatalities, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).
- In 2011, there were two fatalities, one of which was alcohol-related, according to IDOT.
- In Illinois, Super Bowl Sunday can be one of the most deadly days of the year in regards to alcohol-related traffic fatalities.
- In 2010, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes - one every 51 minutes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- The rate of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes is four times as high at night as during the day, and twice as high on the weekend as opposed to during the week, according to NHTSA.

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