

Protect



Yourself

Excessive speed is the leading causative factor for fatal crashes in Ohio; over half the people killed in motor vehicle crashes in Ohio are not wearing their available safety belts; and about 25 percent of the fatal crashes in Ohio involve alcohol.

Whether you help by calling **1-877-7-PATROL** when you spot a dangerous driver or stranded motorist, or **1-800-GRAB DUI** or cellular ***DUI** when you spot drunk drivers, you are the eyes and ears of highway safety.

Carry the “safe seven” items in your vehicle:

- Cellular telephone or CB radio
- Flares, reflectors, or other warning devices
- “Send Help” or similar sign, and/or white flag
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Reflective tape
- Blanket

If you witness a crash:

- Call for help (9-1-1 or 1-877-7-PATROL)
- If you stop, pull well off the roadway and stay in a safe area
- Watching for traffic at all times, warn other traffic (flashers, flares, reflectors, etc.)
- Check on injured; administer basic first aid if you are trained

If you see a stranded motorist:

- Call 1-877-7-PATROL (report location/direction, type of vehicle, and if occupants are present)

If you break down:

- Pull well off roadway
- Activate emergency flashers
- Call for help (CB Channel 9 or 1-877-7-PATROL)
- Watching for traffic at all times, warn other traffic (flashers, flares, reflectors, etc.)
- Stay with your car and keep your safety belt on
- Lock your doors but keep your windows cracked

Guide for detecting alcohol or drug-impaired drivers:

- Movements are either very slow and inaccurate or fast and reckless
- Makes wide turns
- Stops in roadway without cause
- Sits through cycle of a traffic light without moving
- Straddles center or edge lines
- Signals one way, and turns the other
- Drives without headlights at night
- Makes abrupt or incremented movements during turns
- Drives a path which is not on the designated roadway

Reporting suspected impaired drivers:

- Call 1-800-GRAB DUI or cellular ***DUI**
- Report your location, the direction the other vehicle is traveling, vehicle make and model, and if possible the license plate number