

# DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



## **PRESS RELEASE**



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## **Impaired driving is scary: This Halloween, the DeKalb Police Department is cracking down on drunk, drugged driving**

The DeKalb Police Department today urged motorists to commit to sober driving, buckling up and following traffic laws this Halloween, as children and their families walk through neighborhoods after dark for candy and spooky fun. If you're planning to enjoy Halloween festivities, make sure you also plan for a safe, sober ride home. Remember: **“Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”** and **“Click It or Ticket.”**

Alcohol and cannabis impair your ability to drive safely, that's why it's crucial to plan how you'll get home before you head out – whether you'll be drinking or using any other substance.

Driving while impaired is never acceptable. Remember: DUIs are not limited to alcohol-related offenses. It's illegal to drive under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, or any other drugs or substances. While cannabis may be legal for adults, if you drive high, you'll still get a DUI. Additionally, all vehicle occupants must wear their seat belts – **failure to do so will result in a ticket.**

The DeKalb Police Department encourages everyone to follow these simple tips to keep our roads safe this Halloween:

- Plan a safe way to get home before attending any party.
- Designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use a ride-sharing service, or call a sober friend or family member for a ride.
- Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving. Make sure you have a sober friend to walk you home if needed.
- Always wear your seat belt – it's your best defense against impaired drivers and accidents.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement as soon as it's safe to do so.
- If you see someone who is impaired and about to drive, take their keys and help them find a safe way home.

This Halloween enforcement and awareness campaign, including the **“Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”** and **“Click It or Ticket”** initiatives, is funded by federal highway safety dollars, administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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### **PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

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