

Walla Walla County Traffic Safety Coalition
Helping keep drivers, passengers, cyclists, and pedestrians safe!



Dear Parents,

Drive For Life is a two-day awareness program targeted to high school students. This emotional and moving program brings to the forefront the possible tragic results of drinking and driving.

The **"Drive For Life"** program is a new program brought to you by the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety Coalition, local Law Enforcement agencies, and Fire Departments.

On day one, law enforcement officers will do a classroom presentation to seniors and share the potential consequences of driving impaired from every perspective, including how drinking can impact a person's coordination, vision, and reaction time.

Students will learn about current DUI laws, texting while driving laws and differences between laws for minors and adults.

Officers will discuss the responsibility that each of us shares when choosing to drink and drive, or when we allow others to do so.

On day two, Paramedics, parents, offender/victims of alcohol related traffic fatalities and Traffic Safety staff will present to students during an assembly. Paramedics will share firsthand experiences of responding to traffic fatalities and how driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, driving without a seatbelt and driving distracted can change the course of your life.

Parents who have agreed to receive a mock death notification, will share the impact it had on them even knowing it was not real. Although the parents are pre-selected and have agreed to participate, most are not prepared for the emotional impact that comes from receiving such a message.

Victims and offenders of alcohol related crashes will share with the students the impact of being involved in a fatality and what has had on their lives and encourage audience members to learn from their real-life stories.

Lastly, the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety Coalition will share information about the new program, Teens in The Driver Seat, a peer-to-peer program geared towards young drivers ages 16-25.

At the end of the program, we hope students are reminded and made aware of what can happen if the wrong decision is made when mixing alcohol and driving. We want to prepare our young drivers to Call a friend, call their parents, call a taxi - but please, ***don't drink and drive.***

Thank you,

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