

# GLEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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***“Death by Car”  
Is the #1 Mortality Risk for  
Adolescents***

## The Truth Can Save Lives

**Continue to keep your kids safe by  
talking with them about the dangers  
of Drinking and Driving**

### THE NUMBERS

- Each year, auto accidents take the lives of nearly 3,000 teens in the 16-19 age group.
- 250,000 are sent to the hospital with serious injuries.
- 1/3 of those under the age of 21 who die in accidents occurs during graduation season.

### THE DENIAL

- Most parents assume their children know about the seriousness of drinking and driving. They assume they heard about it in school, or in passing conversations.
- The phrase “It will not happen to me or It will not happen to my child is the presumed thought. It is the first headline in the news article and the opening speech next year prior to graduation.

### WORKING IN GROUPS

- Finding friends and parents on the same page. This will allow multiple people to keep watch. Information sharing allows parents to be aware of what activities and who will be present.
- Teaching your kids that if they stay with a group of kids that have the same idea of saying “NO” makes it easier for them to avoid the peer pressure.

### THE TRUTH

- The truth can save lives. Speaking to your kids about the consequences of them drinking and driving. Advising them of the consequences when others drink and drive.
- Be safe enjoy the graduation season and if you need anything contact the Glen Ridge Police Department.

For further information, visit the below websites:

***Good Samaritan Law:***

**[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2016/approved/20160831.html](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2016/approved/20160831.html)**

***Grad Night: The True Dangers of Drinking and Driving:***

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