

The party's over!

Too many festivities spoilt by drunk driving

We all spend a lot of time organizing the perfect party. Unfortunately, too many of these festivities are spoilt every year by the effects of drunk driving. Over the period, road accidents caused by this scourge are numerous as are the police road blocks which lead to a multitude of arrests for the same reason.

Everyone deplores the thousands of deaths caused by drunk driving which occur every year in this country. The number of these dramas increases exponentially during the holidays when more visiting takes place and the opportunities of taking one glass too many increase. And this doesn't even take into account the fact that drivers must deal with sometimes difficult, winter road conditions. Arrests for drunk driving also have many unpleasant consequences long after the pleasant fog of alcohol has disappeared.

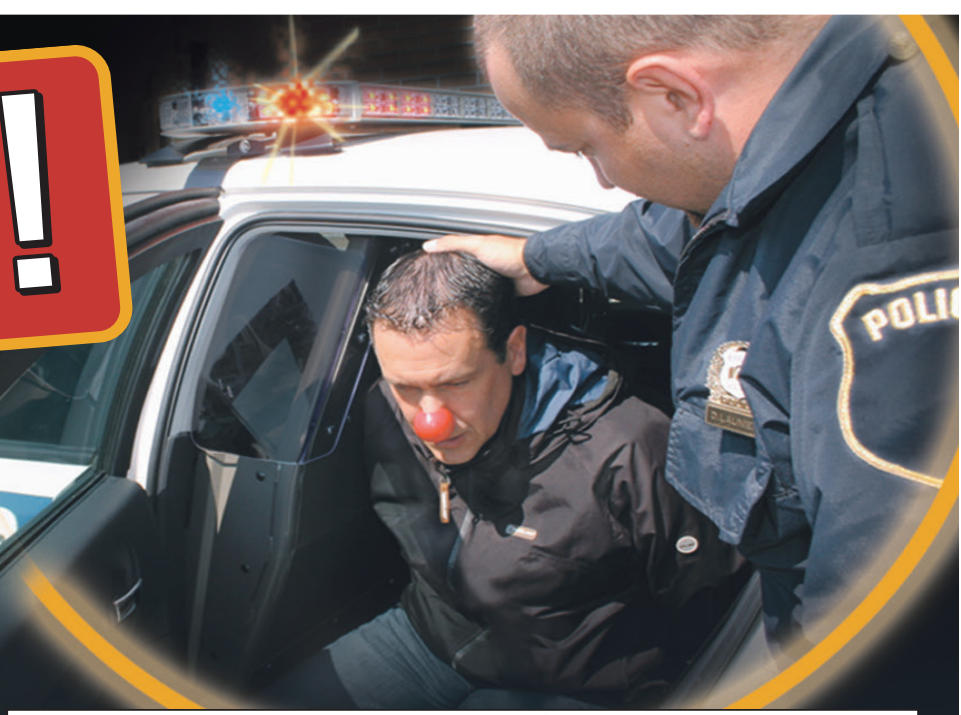
HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR PARTIES WITH ONLY HAPPY MEMORIES:

- Rather than travelling in several cars to the same place, organize a car pool with a designated driver per vehicle; a different one for each party.
- If you've had too much to drink don't hesitate to give the keys to someone else or call on the services of your local organization which drives people home at this time of year. In this way, you'll demonstrate your civic responsibility and will be sure to get home safely.
- If you're in the home of family or friends and you're not in a fit state to drive, ask to stay the night while you sober up.



- If you are the host of the party, ask all your guests to leave their car keys in a basket, which can then be hidden away. Only those people who are in a fit state to drive will be able to reclaim their keys at the end of the evening!

All too often, the effects of drunk driving turn the festivities into an unhappy memory.



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