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This Halloween, keep the scares off the road: Make a plan, don't drive impaired

Lake in the Hills, IL – The Lake in the Hills Police Department urges motorists to commit to sober driving this Halloween, when children and their families will be walking through neighborhoods after dark in search of candy and spooky fun. If you will be out scaring up a good time, remember to plan ahead for a sober ride home.

“Heading out to a Halloween party? Before the fun starts, decide how you’ll get home,” said Officer Amanda Schmitt, Lake in the Hills Police Department’s Public Information Officer. “Just one drink or hit can impact your ability to drive safely and make responsible decisions. Planning ahead will help keep you – and others – safe.”

Never get behind the wheel impaired. It is illegal in Illinois to drive impaired by alcohol, marijuana or any other impairing substance. DUIs are not restricted to alcohol-related offenses. If you drive high, you’ll get a DUI.

The Lake in the Hills Police Department has several simple tips for the community to help keep our roads safe this Halloween:

- Plan a safe way to get home before you attend a party.
- Designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use a ride-sharing app, or call a sober friend or family member to get home.
- Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving impaired. Designate a sober friend to accompany you home.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement as soon as it is safe to do so.
- If you see an impaired person about to drive from the party, help them get home safely with a sober driver.

The Halloween enforcement and awareness effort is funded by federal highway safety dollars administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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