

## “Fatal Vision” Goggles Curriculum

### Station Objective:

To let the participants see and experience the dangers of drinking and driving in a controlled atmosphere without the actual alcohol intake.

### Items needed:

- Goggles
- Walk the Line Tape
- Any kind of ball
- Keys
- Monetary change

### Station Activities:

Each participant would wear the goggles to do any of the following activities:

1. Throw and catch a ball
2. Pick up change on the floor (specify amount or number of coins to pick up)
3. Give high fives
4. Sit down and stand up in a chair and walk around a make shift vehicle (chairs)
5. Using the Walk the Line Tape, walk a straight line down, turn and back (representing a sobriety test given by an officer)

## “Fatal Vision” Goggles

Alcohol Abuse		Substance Abuse
<b>Low Impairment</b> Est. BAC .07 to .10+	<b>High Impairment</b> Est. BAC .17 to .20+	<b>Extreme Impairment</b> Est. BAC not determined
<b>Bronze Label - Clear</b> Simulates daylight conditions at a low impairment level.	<b>Silver Label - Clear</b> Simulates daylight conditions at a high impairment level.	<b>Blue Label - Clear</b> Simulates daylight conditions at an extreme impairment level.
<b>Night Bronze Label</b> Simulates nighttime conditions at a low impairment level.	<b>Night Silver Label</b> Simulates nighttime conditions at a high impairment level.	<b>Blue Label - Night</b> Simulates nighttime conditions at an extreme impairment level.



## “Fatal Vision” Goggles Safety Facts

### DUI Statistics and Facts

**The legal blood-alcohol limit in Ohio:** Ohio Law states that no person shall operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both. The state of Ohio has set a per se level of 0.1 BAC (blood-alcohol content) as the presumptive level at which an adult is considered to be an impaired driver of a passenger car. However, being under the presumptive 0.1 BAC level does not mean you are not impaired and, depending upon roadside sobriety checks, you may be charged with DUI with a BAC which measures below 0.1. In other words, the presumptive BAC level is the level at which you are automatically considered to be “legally” impaired — it does not mean that you are not illegal if you are not at the 0.1 BAC level. As such, there is no absolute “legal limit” except “zero.”

**The penalties for impaired driving in Ohio:** Administrative license suspension for a refusal of the BAC test will last from one to five years, depending on the number of prior refusals. For a failure, the administrative license suspension will last from 90 days to three years, depending on the number of prior drunk driving convictions.

Those convicted of the offense are subject to the mandatory penalties of time in jail, a court-imposed driver license suspension, and a minimum of \$200 to a maximum of \$10,000 fine. Penalties are based upon the number of previous DUI convictions over a five-year period.

**FIRST OFFENSE** — at least 72 consecutive hours in jail, court license suspension from six months to three years.

**SECOND OFFENSE** — at least 10 consecutive days in jail, court license suspension from one to five years.

**THIRD OFFENSE** — at least 30 consecutive days in jail, license suspension from one year to 10 years.

**FOURTH OFFENSE** — at least 60 consecutive days in jail, court license suspension from three years to permanent revocation.

To regain a suspended license, all DUI offenders must pay a \$250 reinstatement fee and show proof of a policy for liability insurance or bond. Repeat offenders will be required to file proof of liability coverage and maintain that coverage for three years.

Third and fourth time impaired driving offenders are also subject to having their vehicle immobilized or forfeited. A vehicle owner who knowingly allows someone whose license is suspended to operate their vehicle may also be subject to these penalties. Motorists who are convicted of vehicular homicide or aggravated vehicular homicide and are judged to have been under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the offense will, in addition to other penalties, suffer permanent loss of driving privileges.

### Statistics

- Among drivers who are not legally permitted to buy alcohol (16-20 year olds), 22 percent of fatally injured drivers in 2000 had blood alcohol concentrations at or above 0.10 percent, down from 49 percent in 1980. This decline is greater than declines among older drivers.
- Among teenage drivers (16-19 years old), 23 percent of fatally injured male drivers and 10 percent of fatally injured female drivers in 2000 had blood alcohol concentrations at or above 0.10 percent.
- Male drivers (age 16-20) with blood alcohol concentrations in the 0.05-0.08 percent range are 17 times more likely than sober teenagers to be killed in single-vehicle crashes. The corresponding comparisons for females is 7 times more likely. At BACs of 0.08-0.10, risks are even higher, 52 times for males, 15 times for females.

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety — [www.hwysafety.org](http://www.hwysafety.org)

- If you weigh 120 pounds and drink one ounce of 100 proof liquor, three ounce of table wine, or one 12 ounce can of beer during one hour, your blood alcohol concentration would be .03 percent.
- In the past 10 years, 7,239 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes and 286,768 were injured in Ohio. Nationally, drinking is a factor in almost half of all fatal motor vehicle crashes.
- Drinking and Driving is the number one killer of people under the age of 21 today. In 1997, drivers ages 16 to 20 were responsible for 46 (out of 390) alcohol-related traffic deaths and 2,111 (out of 19,310) alcohol-related injuries in Ohio.

Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety



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- Court costs – (\$250 - \$500)  
Attorney’s Fees – (\$750 - \$2,500)  
Court ordered rehabilitation program – (\$250)  
Potential reinstatement fees, and cost of insurance  
(3 to 10 times your current premium)  
Total cost — as high as \$3,500 plus increased insurance

Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety

- Young, drinking drivers are involved in fatal crashes at more than twice the rate as drivers aged 21 and older.
- In 1994, 26 percent of young male drivers involved in fatal crashes had been drinking at the time of the crash, compared with 12 percent of the young female drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- Of all traffic fatalities reported during the spring prom season, 47 percent were alcohol-related.
- In 1994, 74 percent of the young drivers involved in fatal crashes who had been drinking were not wearing seat belts.
- Of the young drivers who had been drinking and were killed in crashes, 80 percent were not wearing seat belts.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation

### **Divided-attention sobriety tests include:**

- the finger-to-nose touch
- the heel-toe walk
- the one-leg stand
- and the "Gaze Test" which traces involuntary eye movements

In addition, the trooper will observe how well the driver can understand and respond to questions and follow instructions. If, after conducting these tests, the officer detects impairment, an arrest is made and the suspect is taken into custody for a formal BAC test.

### **Sobriety checkpoints:**

Sobriety checkpoints are designed to be a deterrent, not a trap. The Supreme Court has ruled that before conducting a sobriety checkpoint, several criteria must be met. First, the location of the checkpoint must have a historically high rate of alcohol-related crashes. Second, the agency must follow specific guideline for notification that the checkpoint is to be conducted. Also, if traffic is too heavy to stop each car passing through the checkpoint, cars must be stopped according to a predetermined formula (ie: every other car, every fourth car, etc.)

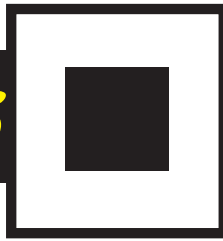
Source: The Ohio State Highway Patrol

### **Signals that Someone is Driving while Impaired**

- When the driver makes wide, abrupt or illegal turns
- Straddles the center line
- Suddenly swerves or continuously weaves
- Nearly strikes another vehicle or object
- Stops in the roadway without cause
- Uses brakes erratically
- Drives into opposing traffic
- Signals to turn one way and then another
- Follows traffic ahead too closely or drives quickly into traffic ahead and then suddenly brakes
- Responds slowly to traffic signals
- Drives without headlights at night
- Drives at high speed or rapidly accelerates
- Drives very slowly
- Drives off the roadway

Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety





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### **How to get the keys away from someone who is about to drink and drive:**

- If the person is a close friend, try and use a soft, calm approach at first. Suggest to them that they’ve had too much to drink and it would be better if someone else drove or if they took a cab.
- Be calm. Joke about it. Make light of it.
- Try to make it sound like you are doing them a favor.
- If the person is somebody you don’t know well, speak to their friends and have them make an attempt to persuade them to hand over the keys. Usually they will listen.
- If the person is a good friend, spouse, or significant other, tell them that if they insist on driving, you are not going with them. Tell them that you will call someone else for a ride, take a cab, or walk.
- Locate the person’s keys while they are pre occupied and take them away. Most likely, they will think they’ve lost their keys and will be forced to find another mode of transportation.
- If possible, avoid embarrassing the person or being confrontational. This makes them appear vulnerable to alcohol and its effects.

Source: Progressive Insurance - [www.progressive.com](http://www.progressive.com)

### **1980 – 1999 DUI Repeat Offender Statistics in Ohio Persons Convicted of Drunk Driving**

First-time offenders 66%

Multiple offenders 34%

Total Drunk Driving Convictions

Single Convictions 41%

Repeat Convictions 59%

59% of the total number of drunk driving convictions are by repeat DUI offenders.

Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety

### **1990 – 1999 Alcohol-Related Crash Statistics for Ohio**

Year	Crashes	Deaths	Injuries
1990	32,803	623	27,954
1991	27,095	594	23,172
1992	25,156	510	21,340
1993	23,642	435	19,531
1994	23,090	330	19,246
1995	23,456	400	19,270
1996	23,282	386	19,258
1997	24,360	390	19,310
1998	24,179	374	18,783
1999	23,156	394	17,800

Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety



## Personal Stories

### **Douglas W. Blevins, Sr.**

*March 22, 1960 – June 24, 1988*

For Darleen and Harrice Blevins, June 24, 1998 was the day that a drunk driver cut half of their hearts out. Their son, Douglas, 28, was headed to work, like any normal morning. He was three miles from home at a stoplight, and a drunk driver ran right into him. Both cars went airborne hitting a nearby building. Douglas was killed instantly, crushing every single bone in his body.

Leaving a mother, father, brother, sisters and his two children heartbroken. June 24 was the day somebody ripped a father out of his two small children's lives forever. Think before you drink and drive... please. Save a life. Save a child's pain. Save a family's anger.

### **Tiffany Lyn Clawson**

*November 19, 1978 – February 21, 1991*

My 12-year-old daughter Tiffany was visiting her father for the weekend and had gone to the store across the street. She was only three steps from her dad's driveway when a drunk driver, going over 40 mph, hit her. She was thrown on to the hood and rolled up the windshield, landing on the luggage rack of his station wagon. He didn't know he hit her and continued driving while my 10-year-old son watched in horror from his father's front window. Luckily a police officer traveling in the opposite direction turned and followed him, eventually getting him to stop.

My daughter had no pulse or heartbeat when removed from the roof of the car. She was revived and when we arrived at the hospital were told she probably would not live through the night. She lived for 26 days on life support and was in a coma. She was struck 1-26-91 and died of her injuries 2-21-91. The man who killed Tiffany was sentenced to four to 10 years and his license was taken away for life. He served eight years and has been released. I am still living my life sentence without my beautiful daughter.

– Sandra Clawson Rawlings

### **Jason Patrick Dunegan**

*June 5, 1978 – June 5, 1999*

Jason was a beautiful young man whose life was taken on his 21st birthday when he got into a vehicle with a friend who was under the influence of alcohol. Jason had just begun a career in fire fighting. He had a deep love for God and loved to sing country music. Jason left behind parents, stepparents, two sisters, one stepbrother and three stepsisters. I have lost my only brother and best friend. He was one of the kindest people I have ever known. He knew no prejudices and got along with everyone. I long to see his smile and hear his laughter. I love and miss him more than words could ever express. I long for the day we'll be reunited for eternity.

May all who read this realize the consequences of drinking and driving. For the driver, my brother's friend, God has given him a second chance. He has made a full recovery. Unfortunately, I no longer have my brother. Jason will always be alive in my heart and in the hearts of all those who love him.

– Heather Preston

### **Casey Lee Melton – August 7, 1981 – May 9, 1998**

**Joel Wright Parnell – June 28, 1955 – January 8, 2000**

My beautiful daughter was the light of my life. She had a promising future. She wanted to be a teacher or pharmacist. She was coming home from prom when a drunk driver pushed her car into a flooded field. He stood there while she screamed for help. After the car went under, he fled the scene. Our family was devastated. Our sentence is a lifetime of grief. People say it gets easier, but it does not. The pain is not as sharp, but there is not one day that goes by without missing her. Please think of all the victims and their families before you or your friends drive after drinking.

Twenty months later, my husband Joe was walking home and was killed by a hit-and-run drunk driver. Joe was the love of my life, my best friend, my teacher of life and my soul mate. Joe was a country boy and loved anything to do with the outdoors. He had one of the biggest hearts I have ever known. The woman ran over him and left him in the road. She was caught the next day. My life now has no meaning, no joy and I am alone. So many lives taken, so many families destroyed. Please take the keys instead of a life.

– Diann Parnell

Source: [www.progressive.com/newsroom/photos1.asp](http://www.progressive.com/newsroom/photos1.asp)





## Ann Landers Column:

### *Dead at Seventeen*

Agony claws my mind. I am a statistic. When I first got here, I felt very much alone. I was overwhelmed by grief, and I expected to find sympathy. I found no sympathy. I saw only thousands of others whose bodies were as badly mangled as mine. I was given a number and placed in a category, "Traffic Fatalities."

The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus! But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheeled the car out of Mom. "Special Favor," I pleaded. "All the kids drive."

It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off, going too fast, taking crazy chances. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard a crash and felt a terrific jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. I heard myself scream.

Suddenly, I awakened. It was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were sticking out all over. Strange that I couldn't feel anything. Hey, don't pull that sheet over my head. I can't be dead.

Later, I was placed in a drawer. My folks came to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked very old. He told the man in charge, "Yes, he's our son."

The funeral was weird. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They looked at me with the saddest eyes I've ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my hand and sobbed.

Please somebody – wake me up! Get me out of here. I can't bear to see Mom and Dad in such pain. My grandparents are so weak from grief they can barely walk. My brother and sister are like zombies. No one can believe this. I can't believe it, either.

Please don't bury me! I'm not dead. I have a lot of living to do. I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don't put me in the ground! I promise if you give me just one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance. Please, God, I'm only 17.  
(Author Unknown)

*Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety SMART Students Make A Right Turn Spring 2001 Newsletter*

