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Celebrating life this festive season, enjoy it! Don't drink & Drive!

Dangers of Drinking and Driving



Drinking alcohol leads to reduced concentration and slow reaction times when driving. Being under the influence of alcohol affects the body's nervous system and impairs motor skills leading to impaired hand-eye coordination. Impaired hand-eye coordination causes drivers to struggle to put their keys in the ignition, swerve on the road, and have trouble with steering their vehicles. It also leads to poor or impaired judgement and in some cases, memory loss. Not only do you risk accidents if you drink and drive, but you risk not remembering important details should something happen while you're behind the wheel. All these scenarios lead to increased chances of being involved in an accident when driving under the influence of alcohol. Here are some tips on avoiding the perils of drinking and driving this festive season:

Don't drink and drive

The most important preventative method is to never, under any circumstances, drink and drive.

Always have a designated driver

If you plan on going out to drink, always have a designated driver beforehand. A designated driver is someone within a social group who abstains from drinking in order to drive the other team members safely. Your designated driver can be a friend or a family member willing to accompany you and the group and will not be taking alcohol. The designated driver can also be someone willing to drop you off and come back later to pick you up. It is advisable to always plan ahead so you already have a designated

driver in place before you go out to drink.

Call For A Ride



If you feel you have had enough to drink and don't have someone sober to drive you, you can call a taxi or a ride-sharing service. These are also effective options when you can't drive yourself and don't have a designated driver. You must consider these options and always have the discipline to come back the next day and collect your vehicle once you've sobered up.

Know Your Limits

Know your limits when it comes to alcohol. Hand over your keys to a trusted friend if you know you have a habit of being irresponsible when you're drinking. In the event you can't use any of the alternatives mentioned above, you should stay where you are for the night and be safe than to risk your life while driving under the influence of alcohol.

We wish you a wonderful and safe festive season and much prosperity in the new year!



Things to Consider When Buying Travel Insurance in Zimbabwe

Getting travel insurance is something that people normally do not consider when making their travelling plans. The thought of having an accident or getting sick when you're on vacation is unpleasant. If you're travelling abroad, you need some form of cover in case you need medical attention, or you may also be unfortunate to lose your luggage or get robbed while far away from home. Travel insurance covers such expenses, to enable you to travel with peace of mind.

Travel Insurance is Very Important to Have

Travel insurance policies cover several risks associated with travelling abroad and are a mandatory visa application requirement for certain destinations. Risks covered usually include but are not limited to the following:

Medical expenses and hospitalization while you are abroad

Medical bills can be expensive especially when you are abroad where you are not covered by your regular/local medical aid. You may not be able to afford the medical bills out of pocket and travel insurance comes in handy to assist in paying such medical bills.

Emergency evacuation or repatriation

Evacuation is when there is need for one to be taken to the nearest hospital for treatment within the host country. Repatriation on the other hand is when it becomes necessary for one to return home for medical treatment.

Trip cancellations or interruptions

Cancellations may happen when travelling abroad, and are covered by most travel insurance policies. The covers also extend to include compulsory quarantine following COVID-19 diagnosis. Always make sure your chosen travel insurance policy specifically covers cancellations and interruptions,

including those that are COVID-19 related.

Accidental death, injury, or disablement

Travel insurance will cover necessary medical care up to an agreed maximum payout in the event that you become ill or injured while abroad. It doesn't matter if it's a sudden emergency or chronic condition. As long as the condition requires treatment by a qualified doctor or other health professional in the host country and not back home, you'll be covered through your travel insurance policy provisions.

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Local Buzz Catch-up!

The Government of Zimbabwe is working in partnership with the international Finance Corporation to develop an agriculture insurance index for smallholder farmers, as efforts to insulate them from the extremes of climate change and the subsequent crop losses and food insecurity gather pace. A farmers' insurance basket prototype that covers life, drought, pests and diseases has been developed launched, in Goromonzi during the 2022/2023 agricultural season. (The Herald, 14 December 2022)

Zimbabwe is almost ready to adopt the electric vehicles (EVs) technology, with the draft Electric Mobility Policy Framework and Roadmap now in place but being refined. This is in line with Zimbabwe's revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), under which it seeks to a 40 percent per capita reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is being targeted across the economy by 2030. The piloting of EVs roll out would be extended to intracity and intercity buses, in addition to private vehicles. The draft policy proposes a reduction in value added tax from 14,5 percent to

4,5 percent for the period 2022 to 2030, to promote uptake of EVs. Under the policy two, three and four wheel vehicle types would be brought into the country. Deployment of 17 920 chargers and their infrastructure would be done while the Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (Zera) would develop a cost framework for charging of the EVs to ensure predictability. (bulawayo.com, 18 November 2022)



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