



# News Release

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## OLCC's Memorial Day party checklist

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – For many, Memorial Day marks the beginning of warm weather activities like barbecues, pool parties, camping, and boating. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission reminds party hosts and party-goers to drink responsibly this holiday.

"We want folks to have fun, enjoy the sun, and celebrate the holiday," says John Eckhart, OLCC Director of Public Safety. "But we also want people to protect themselves and their guests. Under third-party social host laws, the person who provides the alcohol or a place to drink can be held responsible for any injuries, damages or death."

A little pre-party planning will take some stress and pressure off the party host and ensure that everyone has a safe and fun day.

## Memorial Day Party Checklist

- ☑ Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic drinks to help guests pace themselves
- ☑ Get the keys from your guests when they arrive
- ☑ Warm weather affects everyone differently. Make sure to monitor your guests' behavior for signs of intoxication
- ☑ Have a designated driver
- ☑ Collect money for a taxi cab fare fund
- ☑ Have a phone number for a taxi company handy
- ☑ Plan to be a sober host so you can determine if your guests are able to drive home
- ☑ Stop serving alcohol one hour before the party ends
- ☑ Wait until a guest finishes a drink before you serve another

According to the Oregon Department of Transportation, seven people died in six separate traffic crashes reported in Oregon during the 2013 Memorial Day holiday. An alcohol-involved driver was arrested in two of the six fatal crashes.

Oregon State Police troopers have arrested more than 500 DUII drivers during the previous seven Memorial Day Holiday weekends. Forty eight of those DUII drivers were arrested in 2013.

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*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than **\$397 million** to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*