



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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*The Bloomington Police Department reminds drivers:  
Buckle up and drive sober*

Bloomington, IL – This Thanksgiving, the Bloomington Police Department is joining the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies to ensure holiday travelers are buckled up and driving sober. The “Click It or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement campaign will run from November 22nd to December 2nd.

“We encourage our community members to plan for a safe holiday on the highways. The fatal four violations: driving under the influence, speeding, distracted driving, and lack of seatbelt usage, are the primary contributory causes for the loss of life and major personal injury crashes. Do your part to eliminate the fatal four, and our community will be safer for it,” stated Chief Jamal Simington. “Our officers will be more present to deter bad driving and enforce violations during this holiday season thanks to the partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation.”

The “Click It or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaigns emphasize safety education, strong laws and law enforcement’s commitment to saving lives.

The goal of this high-visibility effort is to reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Proper seat-belt use is the most effective way to protect vehicle occupants. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, the statewide seat-belt usage rate stands at 92.4%, indicating that there is still room for improvement.

If you’re celebrating with alcohol or other impairing substances, please remember:

- Plan for a sober ride home before you go out.
- Call a taxi or ask a family member to get you home safely.
- Use your favorite rideshare service, such as Uber or Lyft, or opt for public transportation.
- If you see a drunk driver, call 911.
- Ensure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It is the best defense against an impaired driver.

This Thanksgiving enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.

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The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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