

California's 2007 DUI Enforcement Crackdown
Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911

Spotting & Reporting Drunk Drivers
Tip Sheet

How to Report a Drunk Driver

1. Call 911 and tell them you wish to report a drunk driver. You do not have to give your name.
2. Give the exact location of the vehicle, including the name of the road or cross streets and the direction the vehicle is traveling.
3. Give a complete description of the vehicle, such as make, model, color and license plate.
4. Describe the manner in which the vehicle is being driven.
5. Do not follow or try to stop the car or detain the driver. Leave that to trained professionals.

How to Spot a Drunk Driver

The following signs can help you detect an impaired driver on the road:

- Turning with a wide radius
- Straddling the center of the road or lane marker
- Appearing to be drunk (i.e., eye fixation, face close to windshield, drinking in the vehicle)
- Almost striking an object or another vehicle
- Weaving or zigzagging across the road
- Driving on surfaces other than a designated roadway
- Swerving or abruptly turning away from a generally straight course
- Turning abruptly or illegally
- Driving slower than 10 mph below the speed limit
- Stopping without cause in a traffic lane
- Stopping inappropriately
- Following others too closely
- Drifting or moving in a straight line
- Erratic braking
- Driving into opposing or crossing traffic
- Signaling that is inconsistent with driving actions
- Slow response to traffic signals, including sudden stops and delayed starts
- Driving with headlights off

'How to Spot a Drunk Driver' clues courtesy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.