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## **CONSIDER OTHER ALTERNATIVES THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE**

### *Do Not Drink and Drive*

A drunken driving arrest is a costly mistake. The cost of driving under the influence (DUI) can vary based on your fine, attorney fees, and how much your insurance rate increases. It will cost you several thousand dollars if you are arrested for a routine DUI. Consider instead, several less expensive options.

Hire a car and pay someone to chauffeur you to your party and back for a fraction of what a DUI arrest will cost you. Or, if you are going to a party at one of the local hotels, rent a room for the night. If those options don't appeal to you, consider taking a taxi. Look up the number for a taxi before you leave for the evening. Write the taxi name and phone number on a piece of paper, along with your home address. At the end of your evening you have the number to call for your ride and you can just give the taxi driver the note with your address on it.

Get a ride or get a room; either way, it will save you the expense of a drunken driving arrest.

In Bannock County a convicted DUI charge will run you an average of:

\$75 to \$100	to tow your car after the arrest
\$500 to \$750	minimum attorney fee
\$500 to \$1000	to get out of jail or \$95 to \$145 bond
\$200	court costs
\$1000	fine
\$200	probation fee for one year
\$150	drivers license re-instatement fee
\$650 to \$2000	increase in your insurance rates for three years

Total dollar value of \$3275 to \$5400 for a DUI conviction. Remember that's only if you aren't involved in a DUI related accident. Your costs would skyrocket from there.

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