

This is a message from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, in partnership with Southern Connections and the Policing and Community Safety Partnership. During the Coronavirus Pandemic and in the run up to Christmas, we would like to remind you that you *should never ever drink and drive*.

*It is illegal to drink alcohol before getting behind the wheel, drivers may kill or injure not only themselves, but also their passengers and other road users.*

Drivers who consume alcohol before getting behind the wheel may kill or injure not only themselves, but also their passengers and other road users.

Alcohol slows reactions and even very low amounts of alcohol will impair the skills needed for safe driving. It slows down the brain, impacting upon your judgement, reason, self-control and reaction times.

Northern Ireland reported 2,992 drink or drug driving offences from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, with an increase of 30.5% of drink and drug driving offences from November to December 2019.

Visit [drugsandalcoholni.info](http://drugsandalcoholni.info) for more information.