

Police announce zero tolerance policy on drink / drug driving



Police Scotland has announced a zero tolerance policy on drink / drug driving as they enter the annual festive campaign.

Roads Policing Inspector Campbell Moffat said: “The campaign will run from today (Friday 1 December) through until Tuesday 2 January 2018.

“This campaign is about increasing motorists’ awareness of the risks associated with drink driving /drug driving and to reassure the public that drink/drug driving will not be tolerated. Drinking and driving or driving whilst unfit due to the effects of drugs is totally unacceptable and puts lives at risk. It’s as simple as that.

“During the campaign we will combine high visibility patrols and roadside checks throughout Dumfries and Galloway to ensure those who continue to ignore the law by drinking and driving or driving whilst impaired by drugs will face prosecution for doing so.

“If you choose to drink drive or drug drive you run the risk of being caught, reported to the court, disqualified from driving for a minimum period of 12 months, have a criminal record for a lengthy period and in some cases your vehicle maybe subject to forfeiture. Getting caught will no doubt have wider implications in other areas of your life.

So, if you do decide to go out, plan ahead and think about how you are going to get home. The message is quite simple – the best approach is none.

"I would also ask that anyone with information on drink/drug drivers, at anytime, (not just during the campaign) contacts us on the 999 emergency number, or alternatively through Crimestoppers, if you wish to remain anonymous, on 0800 555 111."