



## New Year's Ranked As One Of The Deadliest Holidays

*Officials Say Make Safe Decisions*

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ODESSA, Texas - Year after year, New Year's ranks as one of the deadliest holidays due to intoxicated driving.

In a 2017 report by the U.S. Department of Transportation, an average of 300 people die in drunk driving accidents between Christmas and New Year's.

Ector County Deputy Sheriff, Tommy Hain, says West Texas is no exception.

"The DWI accidents are probably one of the worst accidents that we come across. It's probably one of our top problems in West Texas is drunk driving."

He says this issue calls for all hands on deck this holiday.

"Troopers from all over the state that come in and help us with that," said Hain, "because our numbers have been high relative to our population in the state."

Dr. Sudip Bose of Medical Center Hospital says while the ER is unpredictable, New Year's calls for a peak in accidents every year without fail.

"Without windows in the emergency room, I can tell what type of year it is or what's going on in society," explained Dr. Bose.

He says it is important to consider the consequences of every action.

"Unfortunately, several of the victims are who were not drinking themselves. They are affected by others who were drinking," said Dr. Bose. "Remember, we're all one step away from an emergency."

Even in the moment of celebration, both Hain and Bose remind you to make the right judgments.

"If you get caught or arrested for drinking and driving, you're going to pay quite heavily for it," stated Hain.

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