

Celebrate smart, take a cab

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No one is more excited than my husband that the Leafs are in the playoffs – well, maybe all of the GTA and surrounding areas share his hockey fever.

I hear him make plans to attend playoff parties and celebrate our good fortune with his friends. Inevitably at these parties there is some alcohol. In our house there is a rule – if you intend to consume alcohol, you take a cab. Simple.

I know we all

want to celebrate our success, but we have to make sure we do so safely. The warnings against drinking and driving may be ingrained in us, but clearly people are not listening. The messages of all the great organizations to prevent drunk driving are not to stop drinking, but rather to drink responsibly. That means taking all necessary precautions. If you know you are watching the Leafs – and raising a drink in celebration as we win – then don't drive. Take a cab, take TTC, do what you have to do.

The law considers drunk driving to be deliberate. A conviction could have devastating consequences on your family and friends as well as your professional life. Be preventative – have a plan in

place before the party.

According to MADD Canada, 1,500 people are killed every year in this country by drunk drivers. That is twice the number of people murdered in Canada. In Ontario, 41% of motor vehicle accidents are due to alcohol consumption.

These are easily preventable deaths and injuries. Let's work on getting that number to zero; let's celebrate and have fun without any adverse consequences.

And let's go Leafs! ■

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