

# Introduction to the Special Series on Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants

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For many of us, the holiday season brings happy times with family and friends. Unfortunately, the season also brings a surge of [substance-related car accidents](#). In recognition of the role that alcohol and other drugs can play in dangerous driving—by impairing perception, judgment, motor skills, and memory—the government and some private organizations have designated December [National Impaired Driving Prevention Month](#). Consequently, The BASIS is dedicating the month of December to the complex issue of impaired driving. [STASH](#) and [The DRAM](#) will highlight recent research related to the predictors and consequences and drugged and drunk driving. [The WAGER](#) and [ASHES](#) will illustrate how other potential objects of addiction—gambling and smoking, respectively—have their own unique relationships with impaired driving. We hope you will enjoy and learn from this Special Series.