



Start 2009 Off Right

New Year's Eve is a big night and everyone should be able to fully enjoy themselves. Below are some simple precautions to help you safely say goodbye to 2008 and welcome in 2009.

- **Don't Drive**

Don't drive if you don't have to go anywhere. But if must drive, make sure your vehicle is in good operating condition. Then, buckle up and drive defensively.

- **Don't Drink & Drive**

Whether you will be on land or on water, plan to have a designated driver.

- **Remember the Little Ones**

Pets and children should be kept within a safe distance from any fireworks.

- **Unplug Holiday Lights**

Prevent fires or unpredicted incidents by turning off holiday decorations.

- **Check the Locks**

Be sure that all windows and doors are securely locked.

- **Avoid Firearms**

Shooting firearms into the air is not safe!

- **Get Help**

Consider getting a dependable sitter for children or pets.

- **Be Alert**

Stay away from people who seem to be getting out of control.

- **Have a Safety Net**

When out with friends and family, stick together and watch out for one another.

- **Park Safely**

Consider using a valet, but don't turn over your entire key chain. And, lock the glove compartment or console before leaving your car.

HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME!

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