

# TIPS TO AVOID DROWSY DRIVING

Drowsy drivers cause nearly one in ten crashes nationwide. Avoid becoming a statistic and help drivers stay alert and recognize when they are too drowsy to drive safely.

# Know the symptoms

Yawning, blurry vision or trouble keeping eyes open, head nodding, drifting between lanes, daydreaming and missing signage and exits are all signs of drowsy driving.

#### Take a break

It is recommended drivers take a break every two hours, 100 miles or when experiencing drowsy driving symptoms.

### Stay alert

Avoid heavy foods and medications while on the road. Use caffeine as needed, but be aware that the stimulant effects last four to five hours.

# Keep hydrated

Drinking plenty of water is key to avoiding sleepiness.

# Avoid driving between midnight and 6 a.m.

Don't drive when you usually sleep and when sleeping is irresistible. If needed, pull over to a safe location and take a short nap.



