



“When you know who you are and where you come from, you become more balanced, more at peace. You know your role and responsibility in family and community. Everyone has a place. To lose someone before their time takes from the family.”

Chief William Charlie, Chehalis First Nation



Call our toll-free line if you need help or would like to join our mission:

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GRIEF, TRAUMA AND
Our Community

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Fact:

Traffic related fatalities represent the number one cause of death from unintentional injuries in First Nations people. In 2001, motor vehicle fatality rates for Aboriginal people were three times higher than rates for the non-Aboriginal population.

Aboriginal Traffic Safety Summit: Guidance for the Journey. Summit Report, March 2003. p. vi.



MADD CANADA AND THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY

MADD Canada has partnered with numerous Aboriginal organizations across Canada to increase awareness and education about impaired driving. In Alberta, MADD Canada has partnered with Native Counselling Services of Alberta to develop two major Aboriginal Video Resources, *Honouring Our Spirit* and *Braking Point*. Aboriginal leaders, Elders and community members have been instrumental in developing these resources in order to decrease the devastating effects of impaired driving in the Aboriginal community.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Don't drink or use drugs and drive.
- If you or a loved one becomes the victim of an impaired driving crash, call 1-866-800-6233.
- Volunteer with a local Community Leader or Chapter (see www.madd.ca).
- If there is no local group, contact MADD Canada to inquire about becoming a Community Leader.
- Talk to your children about drinking or taking drugs and driving.
- Call 9-1-1 to report suspected impaired drivers.
- Contact your local Victims Services Branch.

WHAT MADD CANADA CAN DO FOR YOU?

Victim Support

MADD Canada has Victim Services volunteers and staff trained to support you, listen to you and help you find resources to deal with your grief.

Education

Contact MADD Canada and schedule a high energy, multi-media assembly presentation for elementary and secondary schools to prevent impaired driving.

Free DVDs

HONOURING OUR SPIRIT DOCUMENTARY VIDEO AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

Honouring Our Spirit explores unresolved trauma and grief in the Aboriginal community. MADD Canada, in partnership with Native Counselling Services of Alberta, travels across western Canada to find out how individuals and communities can reach out for support after losing a loved one to impaired driving. From the mountainous landscapes of the Sto:Lo First Nation to an Art Studio in Saddle Lake, Alberta, *Honouring Our Spirit* opens up the discussion on healthy grieving and a future where all Spirits soar.

MADD CANADA

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada) is a charitable, grassroots organization that is committed to stopping impaired driving and to supporting the victims of this violent crime. At the heart of MADD Canada are our volunteers who include not only mothers, but fathers, friends, business professionals, experts in the anti-impaired driving field and concerned citizens who want to make a difference in the fight against impaired driving.

BRAKING POINT ABORIGINAL VERSION

Braking Point is a classroom educational tool created by MADD Canada that targets – and portrays – 14 to 18 year-olds who use and abuse alcohol and marijuana. The educational package includes a facilitator's guide and the accompanying DVD dramatizes real situations of alcohol and marijuana use as well as the risks and consequences of heavy use.



Free Brochures*

- A Guide to the Criminal Justice System
- Trauma, Loss & Bereavement
- Coping With Life after Injury
- Understanding the Consequences of a Loved One's Impaired Driving
- Holidays & Hope

*also available for download from www.madd.ca