



The impact of a drunk driving goes far beyond the crash itself, sending shock waves through families. In 1980, a mother whose daughter was killed in a drunk driving crash turned those shock waves into positive energy by founding Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Providing support to victims, survivors and their family members has been a fundamental part of MADD's mission ever since.



Services as Varied as an Individual's Needs.

There's no such thing as a typical victim/survivor. Some are coping with the death of loved ones in fatal crashes. Some have suffered injuries. Some struggle with the emotional aftermath, legal issues, financial challenges or all three. That's why we have over 1,200 trained victim advocates nationwide ready to offer:

- Emotional support and guidance
- Referrals to local counselors, support groups and attorneys
- Informational materials on a variety of victim issues
- Help navigating the criminal and civil justice systems
- Information and advocacy for coping with the complex legal, medical and financial consequences of a crash

Sharing Online and In Person.

No one understands the aftermath of a substance impaired driving crash quite like those who've been through it. That's why MADD provides healing opportunities for victims/survivors to share their experiences.

- Support groups for victims/survivors of drunk and/or drugged driving crashes meet regularly in many communities. Specific information is available through local MADD offices.
- MADD Victim Services' Facebook page offers opportunities for posting questions to fellow survivors, sharing experiences and information or expressing feelings.

Turning Tragedy into Positive Energy.

MADD's founder channeled the power of grief over her daughter's death into creating this organization. Since then, many other survivors have responded by volunteering for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Some become trained MADD Victim Advocates to help others with the aftermath of drunk and drugged driving crashes. Some get involved as advocates for stronger laws and enforcement. Others help with our underage drinking prevention programs. There are volunteer opportunities to match a wide variety of interests and skills. We would love for you to join us.

Honoring Lost Loved Ones Through Tributes.

Nothing can make up for the loss of life to the senseless act of substance impaired driving. One small measure of support is the chance to honor the memories and lives of loved ones through MADD's Voices of Victims online tributes. All tribute donations made in honorees' names are used to support MADD programs to help victims/survivors and prevent future substance impaired crashes.

Learning to Cope Together.

- Know that your grief is unique.
- Develop a support system.
- Take care of your physical, emotional and spiritual health.
- Search for an understanding of the crash.
- Recognize and acknowledge all that is involved in your grief journey.

Helping victims at the rate of one every eight minutes.

Every day, people whose lives have been turned upside down by a substance impaired driving crash call our Victim Help Line at 877.MADD.HELP. We respond by providing impactful services and access to a variety of resources free of charge.

While we're proud to serve so many, they are only a small percentage of the total number of drunk and drugged driving victims/survivors.

- Each year, 325,000 Americans are injured in drunk driving crashes. That's one every two minutes.
- Drunk driving kills nearly 10,000 Americans each year.
- On average, one in three people will be involved in a drunk driving crash in the course of a lifetime.

That's why we're working to help more people. We want to help survivors survive.



MADD Connecticut

In 2015, 103 people died in alcohol-related crashes in Connecticut.

Connecticut has a constitutional amendment to provide for and protect the rights of crime victims throughout the criminal justice process. If you or a loved one are in need of our assistance or have any questions, please call one of our victim advocates toll-free at 1-800-544-3690.

Learn more about how you can help at madd.org.

Help Line 877.MADD.HELP

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