

## Andy's Story

### IAM RoadSmart drink drive case study

I was camping when I was arrested for drink driving. I wasn't on the road. I decided to drive across the campsite and the police were called. Little did I know that because the campsite has public access it's considered a public place under the Road Traffic Act.

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The impact on my life of the conviction has been massive. The biggest things I miss are my independence and freedom. Especially freedom. Fortunately I work in the same place as my wife so I was still able to get to my job. But the effect on my social life was significant.

I've learned a lot through doing the course, much more than I thought I might. I assumed I'd be bored, that I'd be punished for my mistake. This wasn't the case at all and what surprised me most was understanding the implications of unit sizes and how long alcohol takes to leave the body.

I believe everyone could benefit from this education, right from the point of preparing for their driving test. Education needs to be upfront. Most importantly I'd warn anyone that driving straight after a drink isn't the only thing to worry about. You may still be well over the limit the next morning.



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