

Only Daughter

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It is outrageous how many people have died from drinking and driving; over 1200 people in Canada die each year! Sometimes it's the impaired driver that dies. Sometimes there's another vehicle involved. Sometimes, there are young children in that car. What would happen if I was one of those children? I know how I would feel if my family or friends were injured, or even killed, in an impaired accident.

Every year, many people lose their lives due to things like cancer, heart attacks, and medical issues they can't control. Those things are very unfortunate, but what about when people lose their lives over something they could control, such as drinking and driving? Not only does this affect the victim, but it also affects family and friends. Just thinking about how I would feel if I lost someone I loved makes me wonder: do people really think it's possible to replace one another?

Every month, people have to live in agony from losing someone they loved. December is especially bad. You can't replace someone once they're gone, they're gone forever. Even little children lose their lives because of impaired driving, which makes it particularly hard for parents and family to cope.

Every day, there are so many accidents, many of which have some form of drunk driving associated with them. Drivers, passengers, bystanders, family members, friends and even daughters are victims. I can't imagine my parents' grief if I was one of those daughters, who wouldn't be replaced.