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AAA offering Topsy Tows' New Year's Eve

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If you overindulge while celebrating the New Year Friday night, you can call for a "Topsy Tow" this year, according to AAA of Northern California.

From 6 p.m. Dec. 31 until 6 a.m. Jan. 1, AAA will be offering free tows of up to 10 miles to drivers who call 1-800-222-4357 and request a "Topsy Tow." Callers do not need to have a AAA membership.

"We want everyone to ring in the New Year by having fun and enjoying the evening with friends and family," said AAA spokesman Matt Skryja. "If you've been drinking, don't get behind the wheel. Give AAA a call and make sure you get home safely."

The service will be provided to the driver and vehicle. Additional passengers will be transported only if there is space available.

Drivers cannot make reservations ahead of time for the service.

According to AAA, even one or two drinks can impair a driver's vision, steering, braking judgment and reaction time. It also estimates that a first-time DUI conviction can cost up to \$12,000 in fines, penalties, restitution, legal fees and added insurance expenses.