

THE risk of being caught drink driving the morning after a night out has been highlighted to youngsters in Reading.

Students at Thames Valley University's Reading campus were shown a drink-drive road safety expert's new video, called Don't Blow Your Licence, or HOW Not to Drink Drive.

The video was made by Roger Singer to help TVU students and other young drivers understand the vital issues of alcohol consumption and the danger of a 'morning after' conviction.

Anyone convicted for driving over the limit after a night out drinking will receive a criminal record that stays on their licence for 11 years.

Mr Singer warns that such a conviction will affect youngsters' chances of getting a job when they start out in their careers, because their record must be disclosed if a potential employer asks and if any post requires a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check.

Mr Singer, project leader of road safety charity DDE+, said: "It's vital we get all students and young drivers up to speed on this problem.

"If one of them gets stopped by the police and prosecuted for drink driving the morning after, pleading ignorance to the court will cut little ice."

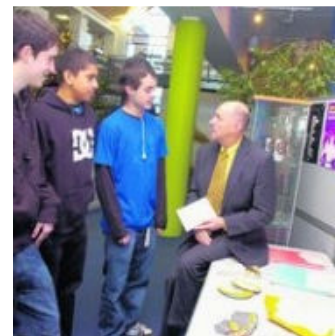
He added: "The video shows the students how to calculate the units of alcohol they drink, and then work out the hours that must elapse before they can drive safely.

"The figures are simple to deal with, and you don't need to be an expert to arrive at the answer."

The video is available for all colleges and universities on a USB stick or DVD, and may be uploaded onto intranet sites.

Contact Mr Singer at DDE+ on 0844 2511 363 or email ddeplus@drinkdrive.org.uk

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Considering themselves warned: Thames Valley University students Aaron Weatherley, 17, Mikhail Fitzgerald, 16, and Jake Stark, 16, chat with Roger Singer, project leader for Drink Driver Education Plus (DDE+) about the dangers of driving the morning after a night out.