

How Marijuana Affects Driving

There are many misconceptions about marijuana use, including rumors that marijuana can't impair you or that marijuana use can actually make you a safer driver. THIS IS FALSE!



Research shows that Marijuana:

- Impairs motor skills, lane tracking and cognitive function
- Hurts a driver's ability to multitask
- Can slow reaction time
- Impair judgment of distance
- Decrease coordination,

All which are essential when you're behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Prescription and Over-the-Counter Meds

- Prescription drugs such as opioids, sedatives, muscle relaxants, and some antidepressants have been associated with increased crash risk.
- Some prescription and over-the-counter medicines can induce drowsiness, cause nausea, affect judgment, and lessen coordination, all of which can prove fatal when driving.

Impaired Driving Prevention Tips

- Plan a safe and sober ride home ahead of time.
 - Ride with a sober friend
 - Call for an Uber, Lyft, or Cab
 - Call Parent, Sibling, or Guardian for a ride
- If you have smoked or ingested an impairing substance, do not drive.
- If you know someone who is impaired, don't let them get behind the wheel.
- If you're hosting a gathering, make sure all your guests have a sober ride home.
- If you see an impaired driver, call 911.

Schedule a Presentation with the Youth Alcohol and Drug Education Program

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YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT
DRIVE HIGH GET A DUI**



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The Consequences of Drug-Impaired Driving for Young Drivers



What is Impaired Driving?

Impaired driving is operating a motor vehicle (car, truck, motorcycles, 4-wheeler, etc.) while under the influence of any intoxicating substance/drug

DUI is More than Alcohol

Many substances can impair driving, including alcohol, some over-the-counter and prescription drugs, and illegal drugs.



Did you know?

- Driving impaired by any substance—alcohol or other drugs, whether legal or illegal—is against the law in all 50 states.
 - Alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs can impair the ability to drive because they slow coordination, judgment, and reaction times.
- Using two or more drugs at the same time, including alcohol, can amplify the impairing effects of each drug a person has consumed.

Consequences

Fines and Court Costs

You may be required to pay substantial fines and court costs, which can become a financial burden on you.

Loss of Drivers License or Permit

A DRUG DUI conviction often leads to a suspension of your driver's license, or permit revoked!

Criminal Record/Probation

A DRUG DUI conviction will result in a permanent stain on your criminal record, which can have long-term consequences for your employment and personal life.

Substance Abuse Programs

The court may order you to attend drug education or rehabilitation programs as part of your sentence.

Increased Insurance Costs

Your auto insurance premiums will likely increase significantly after a drug DUI conviction, making it more expensive to maintain coverage.

Public Shame/Embarrassment/Disappointed Parents

Family and friends may hear about the DUI, this can be very embarrassing.

Jail Time

Depending on the circumstances, you may face jail time, which can be particularly severe if multiple convictions exist.

Death

Driving impaired can cause a person to kill themselves or kill someone else

