

What is Drugged Driving?

Facts & Stats You Should know



Drugged driving is driving under the influence of illegal substances.

It puts the driver, passengers, and others who share the road in danger.

WHAT ARE EFFECTS OF DRUGS ON DRIVING?

Driving under the influence of drugs affects you and everyone around you.



MARIJUANA

Slows reaction time and impairs judgment of time and distance



METHAMPHETAMINE OR COCAINE

Aggressive and reckless behaviors



OPIOIDS

Drowsiness and impaired memory and thinking skills



SEDATIVES

(benzodiazepines, barbiturates, etc.)
Dizziness and drowsiness



For more information, visit NIDA's Drugged Driving DrugFacts at drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/drugged-driving.

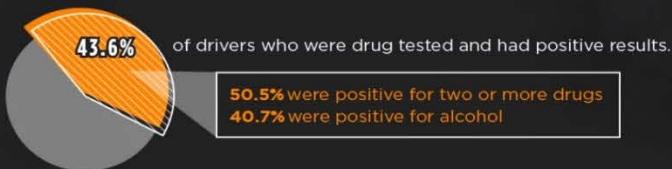
HOW COMMON IS DRUGGED DRIVING?

In 2017, among people ages 16 or older...¹

ALCOHOL 21.4 MILLION
drove after drinking **ALCOHOL**.

ILLICIT DRUGS 12.8 MILLION
drove after using **ILLICIT DRUGS**.²

In 2016, among people killed in driving accidents...²



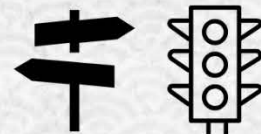
¹ Illicit drugs = marijuana, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or methamphetamine.

² Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Results from the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Detailed Tables. <https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/cbhsq-reports/NSDUHDetailedTabs2017/NSDUHDetailedTabs2017.html#tab6-84A>. Accessed September 24, 2018.

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Strategies to Prevent Drugged Driving

*Avoid going to parties where alcohol and drugs are present

*If you have a valid driver's license, offer to be a designated driver

*Have a designated driver take all car keys

*Speak up! Talk with friends about the risks of drugged driving

*Find a safe ride to and from any party. If you end up without a safe ride home, call a sober friend, a parent, or another trusted adult.



Sources:

https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/drugged-driving?utm_source=external&utm_medium=api&utm_campaign=infographics-api