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Marijuana and driving



It's time to **tighten** our views on getting around

- We know that alcohol and driving don't mix. Most of us are very clear with our teens about this potentially deadly combination.
- Unfortunately, many of our young drivers have a misconception about marijuana and driving – some of them actually believe they drive better under the influence of marijuana. (From NIDA pamphlet - Marijuana: Facts for Teens)

1. Marijuana is UNSAFE when you are behind the wheel
2. Marijuana is the most common illegal drug found in drivers who die in crashes (around 14 percent of drivers).
3. Marijuana negatively impacts a number of skills required for safe driving: alertness, concentration, ability to judge distance, coordination and reaction time.
4. The nuts and bolts: It is not safe to drive high or ride with someone who has used marijuana. Combining marijuana with even a small amount of alcohol greatly increases driving danger, more than either drug alone.

IT STARTS WITH YOU !



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