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Trends in Impaired Driving
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The Cost of DWI

• Every day almost 30 people in the US dies in an alcohol related crash.
• One person every 48 minutes
• 10,000 lives per year
• Deaths and damages cost 44 BILLION per year
Fatal Crashes in 2017

- 29% Alcohol
- 9% Distracted Driving
- 27% Unrestrained Passengers
- 26% Speed
- 2% Drowsy Drivers
- 2% Drugged Driving
Underage Drivers

• 17% of fatal alcohol-involved crashes
• Over 1/3 of fatal crashes for drivers ages 16-20 involve alcohol
• 10% of licensed drivers in the US are under age 21
Senior Drivers

• 40 million drivers in the US are over the age of 64
• Seniors are more susceptible to the effects of alcohol
• Prescription medications and alcohol don’t mix
Elma proudly displays her kills like a World War One flying ace.
Drugged Drivers

• Legalization of Marijuana brings new concerns:
  • Most regular users surveyed in Colorado and Washington drove “high” on a regular basis

• In experimental settings, marijuana impairs psychomotor skills and cognitive functions associated with driving—including vigilance, time and distance perception, lane tracking, motor coordination and reaction time.
• Alcohol impaired driving is declining
• Drugged driving is on the rise
• Drug use combined with alcohol use exponentially increases traffic crash risks
Promising Approaches

• Treatment courts have expanded
• The North American Interfraternity Conference has banned “hard” alcohol at all fraternity houses and events-unless it is being controlled and served by a licensed third party vendor
• Utah has lowered the legal driving BAC to .05
• Alcohol Monitoring offers a variety of devices
• 4/20 High Visibility Enforcement
• Increased training for law enforcement to identify drug impaired drivers-ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) and DRE Drug Recognition Experts)
• Prevention efforts targeting attitudes about drugged driving
• Oral fluid roadside testing
You can’t hide driving under the influence of cannabis.
Drug Recognition Experts are trained to spot the signs.

**DRUGGED DRIVING IS IMPAIRED DRIVING.**

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PASS THE DRIVING
TO LYFT

17% of all arrests in Colorado involve marijuana.
Get ahead of your high. Visit 911sprint.com for a seller side discount.

HITS LEAD TO HITS
DON’T DRIVE HIGH
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A PRESCRIPTION CAN BE THE SAME AS DRIVING IMPAIRED. AVOID A DWI.
CHECK YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Some drugs purchased at a pharmacy, whether they’re prescribed by a doctor or bought over-the-counter, can be just as dangerous for drivers as alcohol.

The effects of prescription medication vary widely, depending not just on the drug but on the person taking it. Some drugs can impair coordination and slow reaction time; others can hurt your ability to judge distances or can cause drowsiness.

Driving under the influence of drugs—including some prescription medications—can result in DUI charges.

A doctor’s prescription is no defense against drugged driving charges. Look for warning labels or ask your pharmacist if you are in doubt about a drug’s capacity for impairment.
Best Practices

• High Visibility Enforcement
• Timely prosecution
• Targeted Assessment
• Evidence Based Treatment
• Treatment Courts
• Monitoring
• Frequent and Random testing