



Impaired Driving

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Identifying Impaired Driving

Drugged driving is more complicated than drunk driving.

	DRUGGED DRIVING	DRUNK DRIVING
Number:	Hundreds of drugs	Alcohol is alcohol
Use by Drivers, Presence in Crashes:	Limited Data	Abundant Data
Use by Drivers:	Increasing	Decreasing
Impairment:	Varies by type	Well-documented
Crash Risk:	Varies by type	Precise
Beliefs & Attitudes:	No strong attitudes – public indifferent	Socially unacceptable



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Effects of Alcohol

The first part of the brain alcohol impacts is higher level thinking = less ability to think through impactful decisions.

Alcohol also impacts vision muscle control.

Teens and Alcohol

Teens are 17x more likely to be involved in a crash after drinking.

Drivers are less likely to use restraints when they have been drinking.

Most of those killed in alcohol-related crashes involving teen drivers are the young drivers themselves and their passengers.

According to a TxDOT study, first-time offenders can expect to pay between \$5,000 and \$24,000 for DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) arrest and conviction.



Effects of Marijuana

Drugs most commonly used by 12th graders (in order): tobacco, alcohol and marijuana, painkillers.

Driving under the influence of marijuana will earn a DUI.


Marijuana will significantly impair judgment, motor coordination, and reaction time.

Teens and Marijuana

Marijuana is by far the most common drug found in roadside surveys, and found in fatally injured drivers.

Perceived risk has fallen dramatically since 2004.

A DUI can mean losing your drivers license, scholarships, and future job prospects.



TDS Team Outreach Ideas

- ▶ Prom Promise
- ▶ Role play ways to talk to peers about alcohol and drug use
- ▶ Activities showing physical effects of impairments / discuss inability to drive while impaired
- ▶ Discuss misconceptions of recreational drugs
- ▶ Encourage teens to discuss risks with parents or trusted adult - make a pact to have plan in case teen needs an 'out' in a situation or a ride
- ▶ Participate in Alcohol Awareness Month and Red Ribbon Week - October





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