



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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