

## General Facts:

- It is illegal to consume cannabis products while you are driving or riding as a passenger in a vehicle.
- People who drive after using cannabis may increase their risk of crashing by 25% to 35%.
- Under the Per Se Law, if suspected of DUI, Law Enforcement officers can take your license and provide you with a temporary driver's license for 30 days.
- Anyone granted the driving privilege is presumed to have given consent to law enforcement to conduct chemical testing of the motorist's blood or breath.



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## LEARN ABOUT IMPAIRED DRIVING



## Effects of Driving Impaired:

- Studies show that drivers with only a small amount of THC in their blood can feel the effects.
- Drivers often try to be more cautious, driving slower than usual, even sometimes too slow.
- Drivers tend to weave in and out of lanes more, react slower to traffic lights and unexpected obstacles, and are less aware of their speed.
- The effect of cannabis is most potent during the first 30 minutes after consumption.
- The impairing effect rises rapidly and remains for some time. These effects can be delayed if the cannabis is ingested rather than smoked.
- Estimates show that almost 44% of drivers in fatal car crashes tested positive for drugs including cannabis.



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## Consequences of Driving Impaired:

Several studies have shown that drivers with THC in their blood were roughly twice as likely to be responsible for a deadly crash or be killed than drivers who hadn't used drugs or alcohol.

All DUI convictions remain on your driver's record for ten years (DMV, 2023).

### When convicted, you must (DMV, 2023):

- Complete a DUI Program
- File an SR 22/sr 1p
- May be required to install an ignition interlock device on your vehicle.
- May be sentenced to 6 months in jail
- May have to pay a fine
- May have your car impounded
- May face a civil lawsuit if you cause serious injury/death

## Solutions to Avoid Driving Impaired:

- Designate a support driver – Before going out, designate a sober support person to drive and support where needed.
- Call a cab/ride-share service.
- Stay at home or a hotel – If you can't find a safe way to travel, stay home or find lodging.
- Call a friend or family member. Identifying an "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) group to save on your phone is good. These are people that you can call if you need help.



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