

Drugs and Driving

Latest research and data trends

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What is the Drug-Impaired Driving Learning Centre (DIDLC)?

- Web-based resource summarizes latest research about drug-impaired driving from several disciplines.
- Compiles and synthesizes latest research in an accessible, user-friendly format.
- Four modules structured in Q & A format to help users access topics of interest.
 - Drug-impaired driving problem in terms of magnitude, characteristics and perceptions;
 - Impairing effects of drugs on driving;
 - Laws and penalties; and,
 - Tools and technologies to identify drug-impaired drivers.

Downloads and resources



- Factsheets summarize and highlight key topics of each module and are available for download
 - Prevalence of drug-impaired driving by country
 - Effects of drugs on driving by drug type
 - Laws & penalties
 - Tools & technologies

To be released...

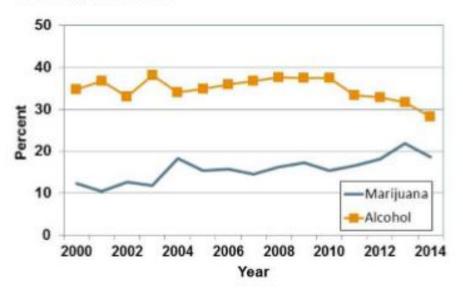
- Marijuana use among drivers in Canada 2000-2015 (Oct. 11th)
- Road Safety Monitor 2017: Drugs & Driving

Marijuana and Driving

• From 2000 to 2014:

- Percentage of fatally injured drivers that tested positive for marijuana has generally increased.
- Whereas those testing positive for alcohol has declined.

Percentage of fatally injured drivers testing positive for marijuana and for alcohol: Canada, 2000-2014



Source: TIRF 2017

Characteristics: Fatally injured drivers testing positive for marijuana

- Age
- Sex
- Time of day/day of week

Road Safety Monitor 2017: Drugs & Driving

- Concern about drugged driving
- Impairing effects
- Use of physical coordination tests
- Prevalence within 2hrs of driving (age, sex) in the past 30 days



Drug-Impaired Driving Learning Centre: <u>http://druggeddriving.tirf.ca/</u>

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