

5 MYTHS of marijuana use



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MYTH

Weed helps you focus when driving.

MYTH BUSTED

Regular use of marijuana impairs thinking, concentration and memory.

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Everyone drives high.

MYTH BUSTED

75% of youth aged 15-24 don't use marijuana.



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Weed makes you a better driver.

MYTH BUSTED

Marijuana use compromises reaction time and the ability to make safe decisions on the road.



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Driving high is relatively safe.

MYTH BUSTED

Marijuana use impairs cognitive and motor abilities and doubles the risk of a crash.

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Police can't do anything if you're driving high.



MYTH BUSTED

Police can detect and arrest drivers impaired by marijuana.



DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES

- Police can detect drug-impaired drivers through their actions (e.g. weaving within a lane) and physical appearance (e.g. dilated pupils).
- Police can legally request a driver to undergo testing to confirm impairment by drugs.
- In the eyes of the law, drug-impaired driving is the same criminal offence as alcohol-impaired driving.
- After alcohol, marijuana is the most commonly detected substance among drivers who die in traffic crashes in Canada.
- The risk of a crash is greater if there are passengers in the vehicle, even more so when a passenger and driver have both used drugs and/or alcohol.

