

**IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT
YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT
DRIVE HIGH GET A DUI**

**2023 July 4th *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different.*
*Drive High, Get a DUI.***

FACT SHEET

This 4th of July, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is working together with the law enforcement community to decrease impaired driving. NHTSA and your local law enforcement are spreading the word about the dangers of drug-impaired driving and to remind all drivers: If you plan to use drugs, plan ahead for a sober driver. *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. Drive High, Get a DUI.* Law enforcement will implement expanded efforts to protect against impaired driving.

Know the Facts

- If you're planning to use marijuana or any impairing drug, do not drive. Designate a sober driver who won't be using any drugs or call a ridesharing service or taxi. Someone who's high shouldn't be making decisions about driving; that's why planning ahead is key.
- It doesn't matter what term you use – high, stoned, or wasted – never get behind the wheel after using an impairing substance.
- In every U.S. state and territory, it is illegal to drive under the influence of drugs – no exceptions.
- Whether the drug is legally obtained or not, drug-impaired driving poses a threat to everyone on the road.
- If you think driving while high from marijuana won't affect you, you are wrong: It has been shown that marijuana can slow reaction times, impair cognitive performance, and make it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane.
- Your best defense against impaired drivers on the road is your seat belt. Wear it on every trip, and make sure your passengers do, too.

Financial Impacts

- You can get a DUI for driving high, which could set you back \$10,000 in attorney's fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, car towing, and more.
- If you're caught driving under the influence of any impairing substance, you can face jail time. Imagine trying to explain that to your friends and family or your place of employment.
- Drug-impaired driving could cause you to lose your driver's license and your vehicle. This could stop you from getting to work, resulting in lost wages and, potentially, job loss.

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Only Drive Sober

Before you start celebrating this Independence Day, look over these safety tips to keep you, your loved ones, and everyone else safe on the road.

- If you are planning to use drugs, plan ahead for a sober driver to safely get you to your destination. Like drunk driving, it is essential that drug-impaired drivers refrain from driving a vehicle. It is never okay to drive while impaired by any substance – regardless of whether it was legally obtained.
- If you have used an impairing substance such as marijuana, do not drive. Passengers should never ride with an impaired driver. If you think a driver may be impaired, do not get in the car.
- Do you have a friend who is about to drive while impaired by drugs? Take the keys away and arrange to get them home safely. Don't worry about offending someone – they'll thank you later. And you might just save a life.
- If available, use your community's sober ride program.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact your local law enforcement.

Please join us in sharing the lifesaving message, *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. Drive High, Get a DUI.* For more information, visit www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drug-impaired-driving.