





The Effects of Intoxication on Drivers

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that 40% of all accidents that result in fatalities involve someone who is impaired by drugs or alcohol.¹




The most common negative effects of impairment include:

-  Judgement
-  Vision
-  Reaction time
-  Inability to distinguish colors

Effects by Substance




Alcohol

Drivers who have been drinking typically experience:

-  Blurry vision
-  Slower reaction time (such as late braking or failure to veer around obstacles)
-  Difficulty distinguishing between different colors used for traffic signals

Marijuana




Drivers with THC in their system commonly experience:

-  Extremely slow reaction time
-  Loss of coordination
-  Improper judgement of space and time

This can lead to veering into other lanes and less attention paid to the road. Besides alcohol, marijuana is the drug most often detected in the blood of a driver when tested after a crash.²

Cocaine and Methamphetamine




Since these two drugs are stimulants, they are more likely to result in reckless driving such as:

-  Weaving in and out of traffic
-  Tailgating
-  Aggressive behavior towards other drivers (road rage)

Although these stimulants make the driver feel very alert, their reaction time and physical coordination can still be negatively impacted.

Benzodiazepines and Opioids


Prescription pills and opiates such as heroin often lead to:

-  Drowsiness
-  Dizziness
-  Potential to fall asleep at the wheel

Some studies even suggest that being under the influence of opioids while driving can double your risk of an accident.²

Numbers to Keep in Mind

- 44%** of drivers involved in fatal car crashes tested positive for drugs²
- 20.5 million** people 16-years-old or older drove under the influence of alcohol in 2018
- 12.6 million** people drove under the influence of illicit drugs

 **Don't be another statistic;** call for a friend or rideshare if you are intoxicated.