

# DRIVING HIGH IS DRIVING IMPAIRED

## KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MARIJUANA

The Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles and the Florida Highway Patrol launched the Drive Baked, Get Busted education campaign. This effort works to educate Florida drivers about the effects of driving under the influence of marijuana and the consequences of driving high by raising awareness about and preventing marijuana-related impaired driving.

### DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MARIJUANA IS DRIVING IMPAIRED

Driving while impaired by drugs is illegal and subject to the same penalties as driving while impaired by alcohol.

- Penalties for DUIs can include expensive fines, license revocation and jail time. Convictions must remain on your record for 75 years.

### BE AWARE OF THE LAWS AND RISKS RELATED TO DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING

- In 2017, there were more than **43,000 DUI arrests** in Florida. (DHSMV data)
- In a statewide survey conducted in early 2018, more than one in three (36.5%) respondents said that they are “not at all knowledgeable” about legal issues related to marijuana use and driving in Florida. Overall, about two in three (65.7%) respondents correctly said it is true that driving under the influence of marijuana is always illegal in Florida. Nearly one in four (23.2%) respondents were unsure of whether driving under the influence of marijuana is always illegal in Florida. (University of Florida, Florida Survey Research Center, 2018)

### DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING IS DEADLY

- In 2016, drug-impaired drivers caused **934 crashes, killing 440 people**, including themselves, their passengers, and others on the road. (DHSMV data)

### THE FIVE SIGNS OF IMPAIRMENT

Drivers under the influence of marijuana can experience:

1. *A slowed reaction time;*
2. *Limited short-term memory functions;*
3. *Decreased hand-eye coordination;*
4. *Weakened concentration; and*
5. *Difficulty perceiving time and distance.*

### FLORIDA'S MARIJUANA-IMPAIRMENT LAW

- Unlike alcohol, there is no specific impairment limit with marijuana.
- Marijuana affects everyone differently and can remain in a person's system much longer than alcohol.
- The Florida Highway Patrol and law enforcement officers statewide are trained to spot signs of impaired driving, and are constantly monitoring roadways to keep everyone safe.



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## CONSEQUENCES OF DRIVING IMPAIRED

When you're under the influence of marijuana, do not get behind the wheel.

Consequences of driving high include, but are not limited to:

- Hurting yourself;
- Hurting others on the road; and
- Getting charged with a DUI, which includes expensive fines, license revocation and jail time.

### Always be safe and accountable behind the wheel

- Driving impaired puts you and everyone else on the road at risk. Never drive impaired.
- There are many drugs that can affect a person's ability to safely operate a vehicle, including marijuana. If you are taking medication, check the label for warnings prior to driving. If you are not sure if it is safe to take the drug and drive, ask a doctor or pharmacist about any side effects. (DHSMV Official Driver Handbook)

**ARRIVE ALIVE. NEVER DRIVE IMPAIRED.**



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