

# CANNABIS & IMPAIRED DRIVING

## June 27, 2017

Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana (CFAMM)  
Medical Cannabis and Impaired Driving: A Preliminary Report  
<https://cfamm.ca/impaired-driving-report-1/>

## June 22, 2017

Crash Fatality Rates After Recreational Marijuana Legalization in Washington and Colorado  
American Journal of Public Health (ajph)  
Objectives. To evaluate motor vehicle crash fatality rates in the first 2 states with recreational marijuana legalization and compare them with motor vehicle crash fatality rates in similar states without recreational marijuana legalization.  
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.2017.303848>

## February 1, 2017

Cannabis Use and Driving: Knowledge Translation Strategy Recommendations In reviewing the evidence relating to cannabis impairment and driving, we have highlighted several main considerations with respect to context, tone, and audience when developing messaging for public education. This document outlines these considerations.  
<https://goo.gl/OPLKpG>

## December, 2016

"US NHTSA Drugs & Alcohol Crash Risk Case Control Study  
[http://norml.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/812355\\_DrugAlcoholCrashRisk.pdf](http://norml.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/812355_DrugAlcoholCrashRisk.pdf)

## June 3, 2016

Motor Mouth: Hysteria over ‘high driving’ is all half-baked Marijuana, by most measures, is not in any way the scourge that alcohol is  
<https://goo.gl/7teHzq>

## February 1 2015

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration finds that drivers who use marijuana are at a significantly lower risk for a crash than drivers who use alcohol.  
<https://goo.gl/oFSDCm> and <https://goo.gl/aUBmE6>

## August 5, 2014

Since marijuana legalization, highway fatalities in Colorado are at near-historic lows  
<https://goo.gl/q42oek>

## **April 6, 2012**

Marijuana Users Are Safer Drivers Than Non-Marijuana Users, New Study Shows

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2012/4/prweb9375729.htm>

## **November 2011**

Medical Marijuana Laws, Traffic Fatalities, and Alcohol Consumption  
Dr. Mark Anderson University of Montana and Daniel Rees University of Colorado  
16 states have passed medical marijuana laws.

<http://calgary420.ca/pdf/driving/dp6112.pdf>

## **2007**

Canada Safety Council – Drivers On Pot – issues and options  
How Cannabis Use Affects Driving

Alcohol causes more impairment than cannabis and carries a demonstrably higher crash risk. Drivers under the influence of cannabis are acutely aware of their impairment. They consciously try to drive more cautiously, for example by slowing down, focusing their attention and avoiding risks. Drinking drivers show more risk taking and aggression in their driving, have no insight into their impairment, and do not try to compensate.

<https://canadasafetycouncil.org/traffic-safety/how-cannabis-use-affects-driving>

## **2003**

Canadian Safety Council – How Does Pot Affect Drivers?

The psychoactive chemical in marijuana is tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). THC has a very different effect from alcohol. Pot users are acutely aware of their impairment - that is, they feel "high" - and some try to compensate by driving more cautiously.

<https://canadasafetycouncil.org/traffic-safety/drivers-pot-issues-and-options>

## **2002**

Report of the Senate Special Committee on Illegal Drugs – Cannabis our  
Position for a Canadian Public Policy

Chapter: 8 Driving under the influence of cannabis

- Cannabis alone, particularly in low doses, has little effect on the skills involved in automobile driving.
- Cannabis leads to a more cautious style of driving.

<https://goo.gl/7VfNkB>

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