

CANNABIS & IMPAIRED DRIVING

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.

<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

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>

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. Using state-level data, we examine the relationship between medical marijuana laws and a variety of outcomes. Legalization of medical marijuana is associated with increased use of marijuana among adults, but not among minors. In addition, legalization is associated with a nearly 9 percent decrease in traffic fatalities, most likely to due to its impact on alcohol consumption. Our estimates provide strong evidence that marijuana and alcohol are substitutes.

<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.

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