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## Effects of Alcohol & Commonly Misused Drugs on Driving

**Alcohol** can reduce coordination, concentration, ability to track moving objects and reduce response to emergency driving situations as well as **difficulty steering** and **maintaining lane position**. It can also cause drowsiness.

**Marijuana** affects **psychomotor skills** and **cognitive functions** critical to driving including vigilance, time and distance perception, reaction time, and lane tracking. Even a **single marijuana cigarette** can make it harder for a person to drive safely. It is the **most common** drug involved in **auto fatalities**.

Drivers who have used **cocaine or methamphetamine** can be aggressive and reckless when driving. **Opioids** can cause drowsiness and impair thinking and judgment. Studies have found that being under the influence of opioids while driving can **double** your risk of having a crash.



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More likely than more experienced drivers to be in a fatal crash. Impaired driving greatly increases this risk.



Car crashes test positive for drugs.



**NEVER** get behind the wheel of a car while impaired.





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## List Effects of Alcohol & Commonly Misused Drugs on Driving

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