

Parent advisory

The facts about marijuana

It is important to dispel the myths about marijuana.
Know the facts.

Marijuana smoke has negative health effects—the tar and cancer-causing agents in 3 to 4 joints is comparable to 20 cigarettes. THC, the euphoric chemical in marijuana is unregulated and concentrations can vary from 0.5% to 30% or greater. It is therefore unknown what the safe level of marijuana use would be.

Marijuana affects many of the skills required for driving including coordination, reaction time, braking time, perception and the ability to react to sounds and signals. Driving under the influence of marijuana is dangerous.

Specific evidence of direct possession or consumption of the actual drug is not required for a police officer to lay an impaired driving charge.

If you are found guilty of driving while impaired by drugs the fine is a 1 year driving prohibition and a minimum \$600.00 fine. You will also have a criminal record.



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Communication tips

Tips for talking to your teens
about substance use.

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Teach by setting a good
example.

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Ask questions and be
involved with your teen's life.

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Listen to your teen's opinions
and concerns about drugs
and alcohol.

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Visit Health Canada's Youth
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Web site:

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