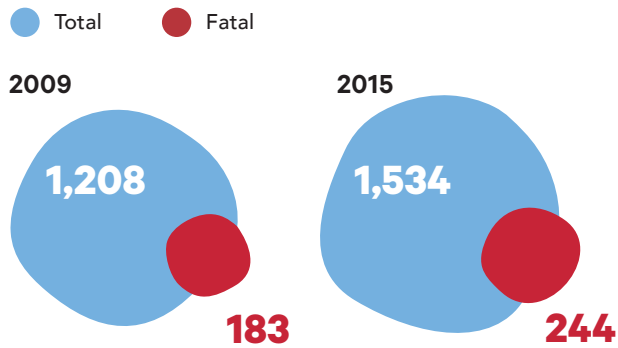


DRUGGED DRIVING IN NEW YORK STATE

Driving under the influence of drugs is an emerging problem in New York State. There are a number of drugs that can impact driving ability, such as prescriptions, illicit drugs, and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. In this brochure, we explore the issue of drug-impaired driving and offer prevention tips, advice, and research that can help you make informed and safe decisions.

Drug-Related Crashes in New York State



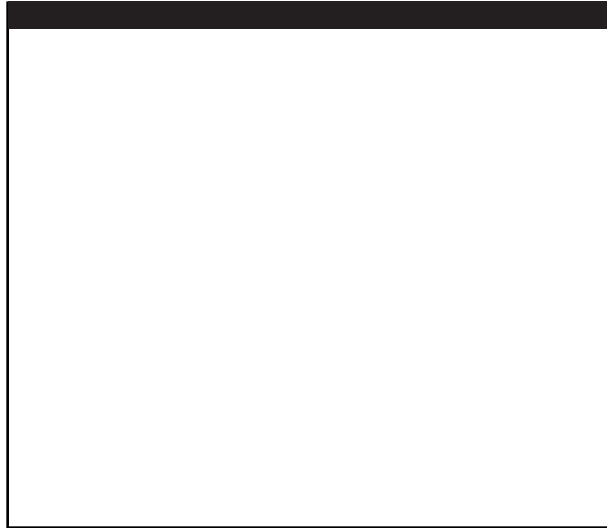
16% of crashes nationwide involve illegal or legal drugs (not including alcohol), according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association.¹

WHAT IS A DRUG?

Any substance, when consumed, can impair a person's ability to operate a vehicle safely. Some examples include:



LOCAL RESOURCES



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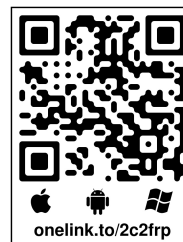


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DRUGS IMPAIR DRIVING

Illicit drugs, such as marijuana, cocaine, and heroin, can cause serious impairment and lead to dangerous and erratic driving. Some prescription and over-the-counter drugs can have a similar or worse impact on driving than illicit drugs and alcohol.

Drugs can negatively impact a person's driving ability in a variety of ways.⁵



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Impaired Concentration, Disorientation,



Cocaine

Aggressiveness, Motor Restlessness



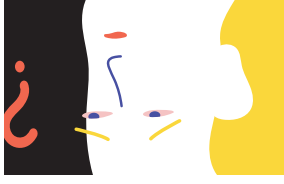
Methamphetamine

Hyperactivity, Distraction



MDMA

Hallucinations, Altered Perception



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Lethargy, Slowed Reactions



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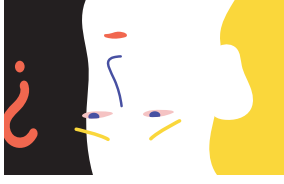
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DO'S AND DON'TS

Don't

Assume that all over-the-counter drugs are safe.

Read the warning label on your prescription bottle.

Do

If the prescription states a higher level of impairment than illicit drugs. A medical professional is your best source of information concerning the potentially impairing effects of a drug. If you're unsure if you should drive.

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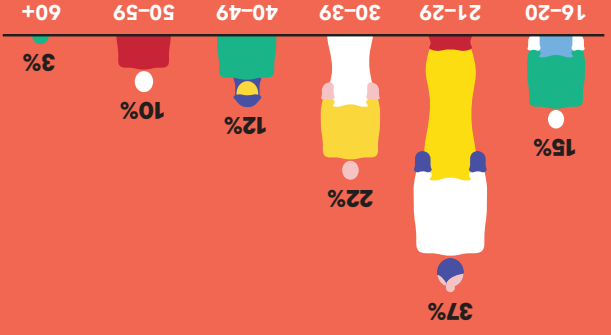
Mix multiple drugs, or drugs and alcohol.

Have a plan to get home safely.

Drugs that act in conflicting ways can have a greater effect than a single drug, an alcohol-and-drug-free portion plans includes Make sure your transportation plans includes a designated driver, use public transportation, or call a cab.

DRUGGED DRIVING AFFECTS EVERYONE

Arrests in 2015 for Drug-Impaired Driving⁴



LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police officers across New York State are on the lookout for any impaired individual who gets behind the wheel, not only drunk drivers. Many drivers think a chemical test is required to prove drug impairment or intoxication, but a police officer's testimony about a driver's actions or appearance can be enough for a conviction.



Don't Risk It

38% of surveyed New York State drivers think it's unlikely that they'll be arrested if they drive under the influence of illicit or prescription drugs.²

It's a crime in New York State to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of the two.³

PREVENTION CHECKLIST

1. Check the labels

on any prescription or OTC medication before driving.



2. Consult your doctor if you're unsure if a drug will impair your ability to drive.



3. Talk to your friends about the dangers of drugged driving.

4. Have a plan

to get home safely.

A. Find a designated driver.

B. Take a cab or call a car.

C. Check public transit schedules.

