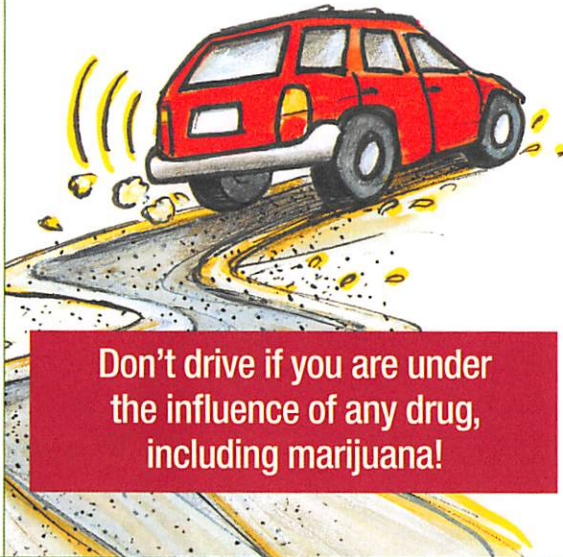


Driving while high is always a crime.

- Driving while impaired by any drug, legal or illegal, is against the law.
- You can be arrested even if you are driving in an area that has legalized marijuana.
- You can be arrested even if you have a medical marijuana card.
- You may:
 - pay a fine
 - lose your license
 - pay more for car insurance
 - go to jail
 - hurt yourself or someone else



Don't drive if you are under the influence of any drug, including marijuana!

Don't drive high.

Laws about marijuana use are changing. But it is never safe to drive while high. Look inside for the facts about driving and marijuana.

This pamphlet is not a substitute for medical care.
If you have questions or concerns, please talk with a health care provider.

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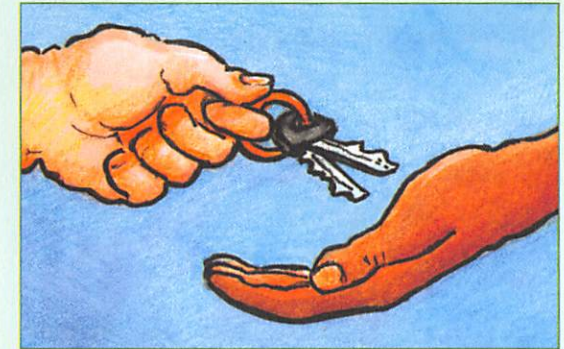
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DON'T TAKE RISKS

Marijuana and Driving



DRIVING HIGH IS ILLEGAL

MARIJUANA AND DRIVING

In some places, the laws about marijuana use are changing. But one thing has not changed: driving while high is not safe. It is also always illegal to drive while under the influence of any drug. Don't take chances. Learn the facts before you get behind the wheel.

Safe driving takes focus.

- Road conditions change fast.
- Drivers must be able to respond quickly.

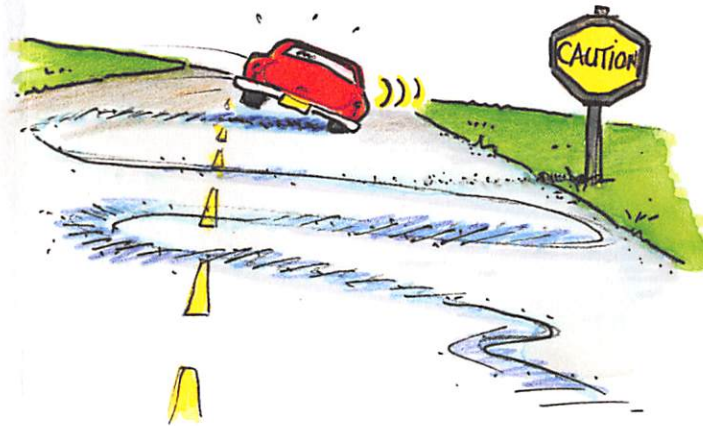
Marijuana harms driving skills because it:

- impairs judgment
- slows reaction times
- causes sleepiness
- changes how a person sees or hears things



Marijuana makes it hard for drivers to:

- judge distances
- keep safe speeds
- react to other cars, bikes or people walking
- focus on the road



Marijuana use may increase the risk of getting into a car crash.

- You may damage property.
- You may hurt yourself or others.
- You may kill someone.
- The risk is even higher if you combine marijuana with alcohol or other drugs.



If you have used marijuana, don't drive.

- Choose a designated driver in advance.
- Take a cab, bus or subway.
- Call a friend or family member for a ride.



Wait to get behind the wheel.

- If you have smoked marijuana, don't drive until all effects have worn off. For some people this can mean several hours, for others it can be longer.
- If you eat or drink something with marijuana in it, the effects can be stronger and last much longer.

Don't get in the car with someone who is high.

- Think a friend is stoned? Take their keys. You may save your life – or theirs.

