



Experience the Evidence
Video Presenter's Guide

OVERVIEW OF "Experience the Evidence" ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION

This presentation is intended to raise awareness among drivers and passengers under the age of 25 about the risks and consequences of drug-impaired driving.

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

At the end of the presentation and discussion participants will be able to:

- Identify risks and consequences associated with driving while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs
- Recognize factors that contribute to these unsafe driving behaviours;
- Develop strategies to plan ahead and get home safe.

PRE-VIDEO INTRODUCTION

The video you are about to see is called Experience the Evidence. This video will address many myths and misconceptions regarding drug-impaired driving as well as explain the consequences. The video includes expert interviews that share the facts and evidence about drug-impaired driving, dramatic sequences, and public interviews.

The video is intended to provoke conversation regarding drug impaired driving, and promote preventative strategies. After watching the video, we encourage you to hold an informal discussion with your students to explore the impaired driving concern.

KAHOOT INTERACTIVE SURVEY OPTION

If you wish to do so, you can launch our Kahoot quiz with your presentation. This option allows your audience to use their smartphones to provide answers to questions found in the video. To use this feature, follow this link: <https://play.kahoot.it/#/?quizId=173743ab-7148-4936-9a22-49b20f8f8be6> then press launch. A game PIN will appear and your audience will need to go to kahoot.it to enter the PIN. Once they have all entered, you can start the quiz. When a question appears on screen, pause the video and play the quiz. There are a few "icebreaker" questions to begin the quiz that are not related to the video; you can play these two beforehand to get a feel for Kahoot and warm up the crowd! **Once you have completed question 5 – do not hit next until a question appears on screen in the video and you have paused at that moment. This will be crucial to make the Kahoot feature run smoothly.**

POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION

Now that you have watched the video, we hope it has helped stimulate some thoughts about this issue that affects everyone whether they are drivers, passengers, or pedestrians. You may wish to talk with your students about their own experiences and opinions regarding drug impaired driving.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Canadian toxicology studies show the presence of drugs (particularly cannabis) among fatally-injured drivers has been increasing.
- Police have the ability to detect if you're impaired by drugs
- Drivers impaired by drugs face the same consequences as drivers impaired by alcohol
- Drugs and driving don't mix. Research shows that driving a vehicle while high is dangerous and increases your risk of being in a collision
- Impaired driving occurs not just with illegal drugs but also prescription and over-the-counter medications.

CONSEQUENCES

Ontario has some of the toughest impaired driving laws and programs for both alcohol and drugs in North America, but many people don't know what the current penalties are.

Possible Question: Can anyone tell me the immediate consequences for drivers in Ontario charged with having a BAC over .08, failing a Drug Recognition Evaluation, or who refuses a drug or alcohol test?

Answers:

- 90-Day roadside licence suspension (cannot be appealed)
- \$198 administrative monetary penalty
- 7-day vehicle impoundment

Possible Question: Can anyone tell me what convicted impaired drivers or those who refuse a drug or alcohol test face for a first offence?

Answers:

- Minimum One year licence suspension
- \$1000 fine
- A criminal record
- Completion of "Back on Track" alcohol education and treatment program
- One-year minimum ignition interlock condition after serving the suspension
- Insurance increases
- Legal costs

YOUNG AND NOVICE DRIVERS

Legislation in Ontario requires all young (age 21 or under) or novice (G1, G2, M1, or M2) drivers to have zero BAC and zero drugs in their system.

Possible question: what are the consequences for being caught with a BAC above zero or having drugs in your system as a young or novice driver?

Answer:

If you are caught with a BAC above zero or with drugs in your system, here is what will happen:

- Your driver's licence will be suspended on the spot for 24 hours
- If convicted, your driver's licence will be suspended again for at least 30 days and you will receive a \$60-\$500 fine

*If you are a novice driver and have your licence suspended for impaired driving, your licence could be cancelled. You will also have to retake all your driving tests and repay all the fees

Source: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/impaired-driving.shtml>

DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING AMONG YOUTH – STATISTICS

A discussion around these statistics can help generate awareness and allow your audience to communicate their thoughts on drug-impaired driving among youth.

Statistics to share:

According to 2014 data from the Office of the Chief Coroner:

- Drug use among young drivers is of a particular concern; 37% of tested fatally injured drivers aged 16-21 were positive for drugs.
- Cannabis use among young drivers is of particular concern; 26% of fatally injured drivers aged 16-21 tested positive for cannabis, as compared to 16% for all fatally injured drivers in Ontario.

According to the 2014 Ontario Roadside Survey:

- Ontario's 2014 roadside survey found that 14.5% of sampled drivers tested positive for alcohol, drugs or both (10.5 percent for drugs and 4 percent for alcohol).
- 21% of sampled drivers between 19 and 24 years of age tested positive for drugs, the highest of any age category.

According to CAMH's 2015 Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS):

- One-in-ten (10%) students in grades 10-12 with a driver's licence (29,500 adolescents) reported driving after using cannabis at least once in the past twelve months. This is double the percentage of student drivers who reported driving after drinking (5%).
- About 12.3% of students (117,000 students) were passengers with a driver who had used drugs at least once in the past year.

Discussion question: Why do you think students seem more likely to drive high or be a passenger with a driver who has been smoking cannabis compared to alcohol?

Discussion question: In your opinion, why do some young drivers think that drug-impaired driving is “less dangerous” or “safer” than alcohol impaired driving?

COST OF IMPAIRED DRIVING

Having a discussion about the costs of an impaired driving conviction can help reinforce the message to not drive impaired to your class.

Possible Question: How much does it cost to take public transit home?

Possible Question: How much does a cab/Uber cost?

Possible Question: How much does a ride home from your friends or family members cost?

Possible Question: How much do you think a minimum first time impaired driving conviction costs?

Break down of minimum costs to a first time convicted impaired driver:

Criminal Code Fine - \$1000
Payable to the Government of Canada

Remedial Measures Program - \$578
Payable to Back on Track + GST

Licence Reinstatement Fee - \$198
Payable to the Ministry of Finance

Increase in Insurance Costs - \$18,000*
Payable to your insurance company in \$6,000 increments each over the next 3 years
*minimum increase based on a perfect 6-star driving record

Ignition Interlock - \$1,350 + Installation
Payable to Ignition Interlock provider

Court Costs - \$2,000-\$10,000
Payable to your legal counsel

Total - ~ \$23,078

The cost that a first time convicted impaired driver will incur, including increased insurance rates will amount to more than \$23,000 on average.

STRATEGIES TO GET HOME SAFE

After a night out with your friends, there are always options to get a safe ride home.

Possible questions: What are your strategies to get home safe? How would you stop your friend from driving impaired?

Possible Answers:

- Call a friend
- Take a cab
- Use public transit
- Have a designated driver
- Supplies for overnight guests
- Call home

THE NUMBERS

This is an opportunity to discuss the numbers in Ontario for alcohol and drug impaired driving incidents. These include collisions, fatalities and drug-use rates among young drivers.

Possible question: How many licenced drivers are in Ontario between the ages of 16 and 24?

Answer:

In 2014, there were 1,276,842 licenced drivers between the ages of 16 and 24.

Possible question: Who is more likely to drive after using cannabis, adults or young drivers?

Answer:

Young drivers are more likely to drive after using cannabis than other demographic groups, and many young drivers do not see driving after using cannabis as detrimental to their driving ability.

Final statistics to share with the audience:

In 2014, there were 152 impaired driving related fatalities on Ontario's roads, of which 1 in 3 were related to drugs.

- 4,739 collisions involving alcohol or drugs
- 1,405 injuries
- 14.5% of randomly tested drivers tested positive for alcohol, drugs, or both.
- Cannabis was the most common drug (70% of drug positive)
- In 2014, drivers aged 16-21 had a 65% higher at-fault collision rate than drivers aged 30-59.
- 1,127 collisions that involved 16-24 year olds who were drinking.
- 16 young drivers were killed on our roads in 2014

***Source – 2014 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report**

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FINAL MESSAGE

Drug-impaired driving is just as dangerous as alcohol impaired driving and is against the law. Driving while under the influence of cannabis or prescription drugs can affect your reaction time, peripheral vision, depth perception, coordination, and concentration. Driving while high makes you up to 4 times more likely to be in a serious collision. Police have the authority and the ability to test for impairment by drugs.

Plan a safe ride home for yourself, your friends and your family.

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