



## JUST THE FACTS & FIGURES

The bad news is that while drunk driving has decreased, drugged driving has increased.

How dangerous is drugged driving? Very! It doesn't matter if it is legal or illegal substances, drugged driving is becoming an increasing problem. Over a five-year period there were 127,461 fatal crashes in the United States; at least 15.8% of them involved a drugged driver. Of course, the percentage is probably much higher but **we don't test in one-third of the crashes.**

The Institute of Behavior and Health estimates **580,000 injuries** are directly attributable to drugged driving each year. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), a census of fatal motor vehicle traffic crashes, provides data on the presence of drugs among drivers. Of the 12,055 drivers with known test results in 2009, 33% were positive for drugs.

**Conservative estimates say 20% of crashes are caused by drugged driving.**

That adds up to

**8,600 DEATHS + 580,000 INJURIES +**

**\$33 BILLION IN PROPERTY DAMAGE**

each year in the United States.

(Source: IBH (Institute for Behavior and Health))

## WHAT COUNTS AS DRUGGED DRIVING?

**NOTE**

Drug presence as recorded in FARS includes both illegal substances as well as over-the-counter and prescription medications, which may or may not have been misused.

(Source: NHTSA )



Rx Medications



Illegal Drugs



OTC Medications

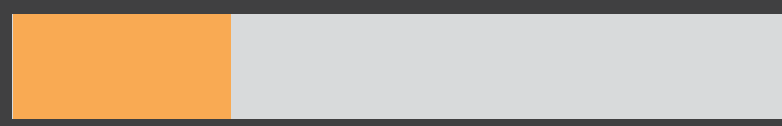
## DRUGGED DRIVING & YOUNG DRIVERS



YES



NO



22% of young people report using drugs prior to driving.

(Source: NHTSA)

### WHEN DRIVING, DRUGS EFFECT YOUR...

**COORDINATION**



**REACTION TIME**

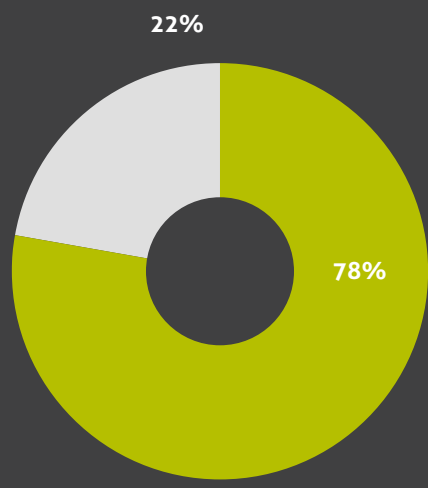


**JUDGEMENT**



(Source: Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D., DABFT, President, American Academy of Forensic Sciences)

## DRUGGED DRIVING & OLDER DRIVERS



In 2009, a AAA study revealed that 78% of drivers surveyed ages 55 and older drivers are taking more than one Rx medication.

Among them, only 28% knew the impact these drugs could have on their ability to drive. (Source: Chuck Hayes, IACP)

