

# THE TRUTH ABOUT LEGAL MARIJUANA IN CANADA

Canada is only the second country to legalize recreational marijuana nationwide. While legalization has gone national, some activities—including impaired driving—remain prohibited.

## KNOW THE FACTS

## Sobering Statistics

Cannabis—even that prescribed for medicinal use—impairs individuals in different ways. The effects can depend on the method of consumption, the quantity of the product, the variety or strain, and product strength.



**50%** OF CANNABIS USERS DON'T THINK THAT DRIVING HIGH AFFECTS THEIR DRIVING.

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### CANNABIS CAN AFFECT MOTOR SKILLS & SLOW REACTION TIMES.

It can also impair short-term memory, limit concentration, causing drivers to vary speed or wander—and can reduce the ability to make quick decisions if needed.



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CANNABIS REDUCES A DRIVER'S ABILITY TO KEEP IN THE CENTER OF THE LANE, TO MAINTAIN A CONSTANT FOLLOWING DISTANCE, AND TO MAKE QUICK DECISIONS ABOUT MANEUVERS SUCH AS PASSING. FACED WITH AN UNEXPECTED EVENT, A CANNABIS-IMPAIRED DRIVER MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO REACT QUICKLY.



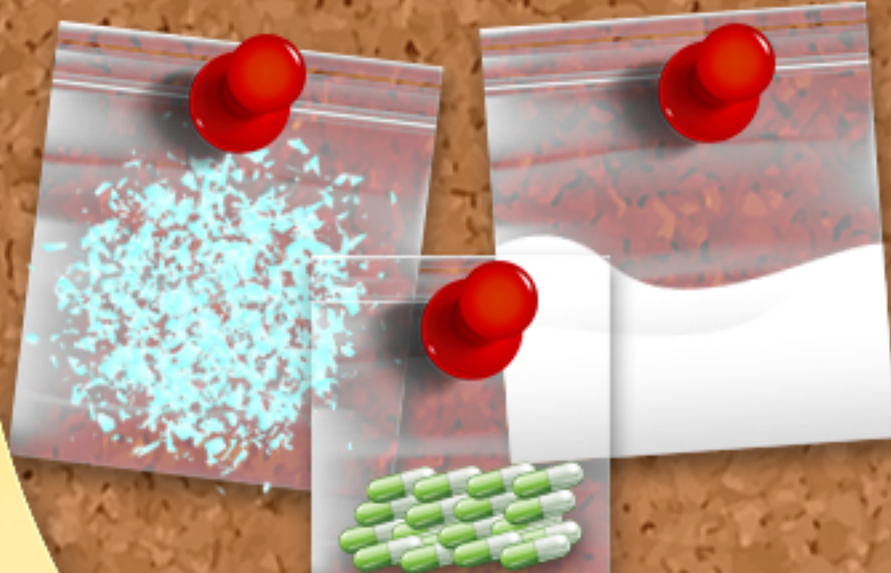
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POLICE CAN DEMAND AN ORAL FLUID SAMPLE BASED ON A REASONABLE SUSPICION A DRIVER HAS DRUGS IN THEIR SYSTEM.

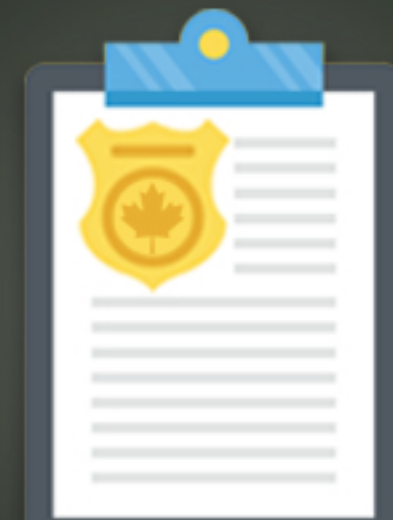
REASONABLE SUSPICION IS BASED ON VISIBLE FACTS; INCLUDING RED EYES, MUSCLE TREMORS, AGITATION, OR SPEECH PATTERNS.

POLICE USE ORAL FLUID SCREENERS TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF SOME DRUGS IN SALIVA; INCLUDING COCAINE, METHAMPHETAMINE, AND THC—THE IMPAIRING COMPONENT IN CANNABIS.



A POSITIVE ORAL FLUID SCREENING WOULD CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF DRUGS AND PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY POLICE—INCLUDING THE DEMAND FOR A SUSPECT'S BLOOD SAMPLE OR A DRUG RECOGNITION EVALUATION (DRE).

PENALTIES FOR DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING RANGE FROM FINES FOR SUMMARY CONVICTIONS THAT DO NOT CAUSE BODILY HARM TO A POSSIBLE MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING THAT RESULTS IN SOMEONE'S DEATH.



Ontario imposes its own penalties for drug-impaired driving—including a zero-tolerance policy for young, novice, or commercial drivers.

Fines for other offences include suspension, additional fines, and mandatory treatment. You could face a minimum of a \$1000 fine and one year of driving probation if you are found under the influence while driving.

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**39% OF PEOPLE SAY THAT THEY HAVE DRIVEN WITHIN 2 HOURS AFTER USING CANNABIS.**

WITH RECREATIONAL CANNABIS NOW LEGAL IN CANADA, USERS MUST KNOW THE RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES OF IMPAIRED DRIVING. ALWAYS DRIVE RESPONSIBLY—AND DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC.

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