

Take the wheel or take a toke,
but not both.



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The Marijuana and Driving Quiz

In order to help you increase your knowledge about the effects of marijuana on your driving, we have created a quiz for you. So test your knowledge by answering TRUE or FALSE to the following statements.

- 1 Drivers under the influence of marijuana tend to increase their speed.
- 2 It is hard to drive in a straight line while under the influence of marijuana.
- 3 Drivers under the influence of marijuana are less aware of being intoxicated than drivers under the influence of alcohol.
- 4 You shouldn't drive when you have used marijuana, no matter how much you have used.
- 5 Driving with impaired faculties due to marijuana is a criminal offence.
- 6 The decriminalization of marijuana will reduce the penalties for driving a vehicle while under the influence of marijuana.
- 7 Marijuana is the second most consumed illegal substance in Québec.
- 8 In Québec, alcohol and marijuana are the two most frequent substances found in dead drivers.
- 9 Being under the influence of marijuana and alcohol substantially increases the risk of being involved in a road accident.
- 10 Alternatives to driving while under the influence of alcohol, such as taxis, designated drivers or volunteer driving services, can be used for marijuana too.

Answers to the quiz

1 FALSE

Drivers under the influence of marijuana usually drive slower. However, their reaction time is longer, their reflexes slower, they drive more tentatively and they may not be able to handle unexpected situations.

2 TRUE

Marijuana actually has an affect on your trajectory, just like drowsiness and certain substances that affect the human brain.

3 FALSE

Drivers under the influence of marijuana are usually more aware of being intoxicated than drivers under the influence of alcohol. So their behavior is less risky than drivers under the influence of alcohol (speed, passing, distance between vehicles). This factor contributes to the fact that the risks associated with driving under the influence of marijuana are often underestimated.

4 TRUE

You shouldn't drive when you have used marijuana because it is impossible to determine a safe use limit. Even a low level of THC – the main psychoactive ingredient in marijuana – can impair your faculties. As a rule, the greater the quantity you use, the more affected your driving is.

5 TRUE

According to the Criminal Code of Canada, driving while under the influence of a drug, including marijuana, is punishable just like driving under the influence of alcohol.

6 FALSE

The decriminalization of marijuana will not change the penalties for driving while under its influence. The decriminalization of marijuana is mainly intended to replace criminal sanctions with fines in the case of possession of small quantities of marijuana.

7 FALSE

Marijuana is by far the most consumed illegal substance in Québec.

8 TRUE

Recent data indicate that alcohol and marijuana are in fact the two most frequently found substances in dead drivers in Québec.

9 TRUE

Any combination of substances (alcohol, illegal substances or medication) is explosive and unsuitable for driving. Combining substances substantially increases the risk of fatal road accidents, more than if each substance was taken separately.

10 TRUE

All alternatives recommended for alcohol can be used to prevent driving under the influence of marijuana.



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