WHAT IS DRUGGED DRIVING?
Driving while under the influence of legal or illegal substances

- It puts the driver, passengers, and others who share the road in danger.
- It is illegal in every state.

HOW COMMON IS DRUGGED DRIVING?

In 2017, among people ages 16 or older...

- 21.4 MILLION drove after drinking ALCOHOL.
- 12.8 MILLION drove after using ILLICIT DRUGS.*

In 2016, among people killed in driving accidents...

43.6% of drivers who were drug tested and had positive results.

50.5% were positive for two or more drugs
40.7% were positive for alcohol

*Illlicit drugs = marijuana, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or methamphetamine.

WHAT ARE EFFECTS OF DRUGS ON DRIVING?

Driving under the influence of drugs affects you and everyone around you.

- MARIJUANA
  Slows reaction time and impairs judgment of time and distance

- METHAMPHETAMINE OR COCAINE
  Aggressive and reckless behaviors

- OPIOIDS
  Drowsiness and impaired memory and thinking skills

- SEDATIVES (benzodiazepines, barbiturates, etc.)
  Dizziness and drowsiness

WHAT ARE SOME STRATEGIES TO PREVENT DRUGGED DRIVING?

- Offer to be a designated driver.
- Have a designated driver take all car keys.
- Get a ride to and from parties where there are drugs and alcohol.
- Avoid going to parties where alcohol and drugs are present.
- Talk with friends about the risks of drugged driving.

For more information, visit NIDA’s Drugged Driving DrugFacts at drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/drugged-driving.