DRUGGED DRIVING
What is drugged driving?

Driving under the influence of any drug that:
  - effects the brain
  - impairs motor skills
  - reaction time
  - judgment

10 Drugs

Drugged driving kills
What types of drugs are used?

Illegal
Prescription
Over the Counter
Which drug is most detected?

- Most common illegal drug detected in impaired drivers
- 4 to 14 percent of drivers injured or killed in traffic accidents tested positive for THC
An estimated 10.5 million people aged 12 or older reported driving under the influence of illicit drugs.

*2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)*
Which group has the highest drugged driving rate?

The rate of drugged driving in 2009 was the highest among adults 18 to 25 (12.8 percent)

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How does drugged driving cause car accidents?

- Alters Perception
- Increases Drowsiness
- Attention Loss
- Loss of Balance
- Hinders Coordination
- Delays Reaction Time
- Dulls Judgment
- Affects Memory
- Blurred Vision
- Various other qualities
Drivers
Passengers
Pedestrians

*Drugged driving is a dangerous activity that puts us ALL at risk*
There are three types of drugged-driving laws:

1) Statutes that require drugs to render a driver “incapable” of driving safely

2) Statutes requiring that the drug impair the driver’s ability to operate safely or “under the influence” of an intoxicating drug

3) “Per se” statutes make it a criminal offense to have a drug or metabolite in one’s body/body fluids while operating a motor vehicle “zero tolerance”
May Wise, 33 who had five times the appropriate dosage of Xanax in her system, hit Charles H. Payton Sr. sending him flying 100 feet through the air. He died at the scene.
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Drugged driving injuries

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Drugged driving accident

After the minor accident, Scroggins used his car to ram into the other car multiple times. Marijuana found at the scene.
Summary

- Make responsible decisions when driving or riding as a passenger when drug use is noticeable

- Find someone else to drive if you absolutely must take a prescription drug that may impair your driving ability

- Be aware of the drug's potential interactions with alcohol, other prescription medicines, and over-the-counter medicines

- Driving behind the wheel with prescription drugs is as deadly as with over-the-limit alcohol
Resources

- www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/druggeddriving
- www.nhtsa.gov
- www.nida.nih.gov
- www.samhsa.gov
- www.cnnhealth.com
Additional information on **Drugged Driving** can be found by contacting your local Army Substance Abuse Program or by visiting [www.acsap.army.mil](http://www.acsap.army.mil)
**Personal Courage:** Possess the Personal Courage not to use drugs or abuse alcohol and to notify the Chain of Command of Soldiers that do.

**Respect:** Show your Respect to the Army, your unit, fellow Soldiers, and yourself by staying drug free and drinking responsibly.

**Integrity:** Stay true to the Army Values and Warrior Ethos by supporting the Army’s drug and alcohol policies.

**Duty:** Do your duty as a Soldier and stay mentally and physically tough by not using drugs or abusing alcohol.

**Excellence:** Exhibit honorable behavior on and off duty - don’t be a substance abuser!