Impaired Driving Among Idaho Youth
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YOUTH BEHAVIOR: DRIVING IMPAIRED

Accidents (unintentional injuries) are the leading cause of death among Idaho teens and young adults. In 2017, there were 70 accidental injury deaths among Idahoans aged 15 to 24, representing 43% of all deaths in that age group. In particular, motor vehicle crashes account for the majority of unintentional deaths, as 52 of the 70 deaths (74%) involved motor vehicle crashes.

In the past 30 days, 97% of Idaho drivers aged 18 and younger chose NOT to drive after using alcohol or marijuana.

Of the 3% who reported having drove after using alcohol or marijuana,
- 54% of the time, young drivers were impaired by marijuana
- 46% of the time, young drivers were impaired by alcohol

Youth are more likely to drive impaired after using marijuana, and youth who drive impaired after using marijuana do so more often.

Youth are at a higher risk of driving impaired if they...

54%↑ Used Marijuana in Past 30 Days
34%↑ Used Alcohol in Past 30 Days
17%↑ Are 17 Years or Older

Riding with impaired drivers is a risk factor for driving impaired.

Young drivers were over 10 times more likely to drive impaired in the past 30 days if they had ridden with an impaired driver during the same timeframe.
You can help prevent youth impaired driving. Talk to your youth about alcohol, drugs, and the dangers of driving impaired. Visit BETHEPARENTS.ORG.