Impaired Driving Among Idaho Youth

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YOUTH RISK: RIDING WITH IMPAIRED DRIVERS

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, 87% of Idaho youth aged 12 to 18 chose NOT to ride with a driver who had been using alcohol or marijuana.

Of the 13% who reported riding with an impaired driver,

- 58% of the time, drivers were impaired by alcohol
- 42% of the time, drivers were impaired by marijuana

Youth are more likely to ride with a driver impaired by alcohol.

AND

Youth who ride with drivers impaired by marijuana do so more often.

Youth are at a higher risk of riding with an impaired driver if they...

Used Marijuana in Past 30 Days
Used Alcohol in Past 30 Days
Are 15 Years or Older

74%†
55%†
26%†

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

The likelihood of driving impaired increases an average of 43% each year between the ages of 12 and 18.

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.