Impaired Driving Among Idaho Youth

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YOUTH RISK: RIDING WITH IMPAIRED DRIVERS

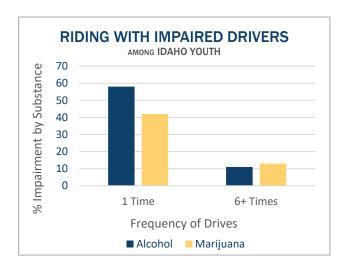
Accidents (unintentional injuries) are the leading cause of death among Idaho teens and young adults. In 2017, there were 70 accidental injury deaths among Idahoans aged 15 to 24, representing 43% of all deaths in that age group. In particular, motor vehicle crashes account for the majority of unintentional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



In the past <u>30</u> days, <u>87%</u> of Idaho youth aged 12 to 18 chose <u>NOT</u> 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 <u>Marijuana</u> in Past 30 Days

74%

Used <u>Alcohol</u> in Past 30 Days

55%1

Are <u>15 Years</u> or Older

26%1

THE LIKELIHOOD OF **DRIVING IMPAIRED** INCREASES AN AVERAGE
OF **43% EACH YEAR** BETWEEN THE
AGES OF 12 AND 18.

Riding with impaired drivers is a <u>risk factor</u> for driving impaired.

Young drivers were over <u>10</u> 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.

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Idaho Office of Drug Policy, Idaho Healthy Youth Survey, 2017-2019 Data.
Idaho State Department of Education, Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2019 Data.