

## Drug driving is dangerous.

Drugs can affect your judgement, vision, coordination and reflexes – all of which increase your risk of having a crash or worse.

### The Facts

Driving with a relevant substance in your system, in Queensland, is an offence.

There is a zero tolerance for drug driving in Queensland.

Police may require a driver to provide a specimen of saliva for analysis.

Roadside drug tests (saliva test) detect the presence of **methamphetamine** (speed/ice), **MDMA** (the active ingredient in ecstasy), **THC** (the active ingredient in cannabis) and **cocaine**.

If a police officer suspects your ability to drive has been impaired by any drug, you can also be required to provide a specimen of blood for analysis.

If you test positive for a relevant drug, your driver licence will be suspended for 24 hours.

If you are charged with driving with a relevant drug present, you will be dealt with by a court.

Find out more about the risks and consequences of drug driving



Queensland Police –  
Drug Driving



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The risks and consequences  
of drug driving:  
what you need to know.



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## Drug driving effects:

The effects of drugs on driving can vary depending on the type of drug. Drugs can cause:

- Reduced ability to judge distance and speed.
- Distorted time, place, and space.
- Reduced coordination.
- Hyperactivity, aggression, or paranoia.
- Hallucinations or blurred vision.
- Dizziness and fainting.
- Fatigue, memory loss, nausea.
- Tremors, mood swings, unconsciousness, or muscle weakness.

**When taking prescription and over the counter medications, you should talk to your doctor, prescriber or pharmacist about:**

- Any adverse effects you may experience.
- Any changes to the dosage.
- Warning labels or potential effects on your ability to drive.
- Combined or cumulative effects of any other medications you are also taking.
- Effects of alcohol when taking medications.

## Medicinal Cannabis:

In Queensland, it is an offence to drive with THC in your system, even if it is prescribed.

**Driving whilst under the influence of cannabis is dangerous. Cannabis can affect your judgement, vision, coordination and reflexes – all of which increase your risk of having a crash.**

### The Facts

THC is the active ingredient in cannabis and negatively affects many skills required for safe driving such as – attention, concentration, reaction time and judgement.

The effects of THC in cannabis depends on a range of factors including:

- The amount and concentration of THC.
- Method of consumption.
- How often it is used.
- Your size and weight.
- Your overall physical and mental health.

Get the Right Advice – If you are being prescribed cannabis – ask your doctor, prescriber or pharmacist about how these drugs will affect your driving.

**Remember – in Queensland, it is an offence to drive with THC present in your system, whether it is prescribed or not.**

You might think you are able to drive safely, however, THC can affect your ability to judge how much your driving is affected.

## Tips for keeping safe

Drugs, prescription and over the counter medications can affect your ability to drive.

Mixing drugs with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect your health and your ability to drive safely.

Never drive after taking illegal drugs, prescribed or over-the-counter medications that could affect your driving.

If you take prescription or illegal drugs and you are unsure of the effect on your ability to drive, don't drive! Use public transport, ride share or taxi.

### For confidential help and/or information:



**ADIS –**  
24/7 support for  
people in Queensland  
with alcohol and  
other drug concerns.



**Queensland  
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