

# Drug Driving

Driving under the influence of drugs puts your life and the lives of other road users at risk

## The Law

It's illegal to drive if either:

- you're unfit to do so because you're on legal or illegal drugs
- you have certain levels of illegal drugs in your blood (even if they haven't affected your driving)

The penalty for causing death by dangerous driving under the influence of drugs is a prison sentence of up to 14 years



## Penalties



A minimum 12 month driving ban



A criminal record



A hefty fine



Up to 6 months in prison



Some prescription drugs can make you drowsy. Always ask your pharmacist 'Am I safe to drive on this?'



The police can test for cannabis and cocaine at the roadside.



## Consequences



Loss of employment



Increased car insurance costs



Difficulty getting a new job



Harder to get a visa

## Effects of drugs on driving



Reduces co-ordination



Distorts perception



Slows reactions



Increases fatigue



Affects speed/distance judgement



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