Driving Drug

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:

- vou'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

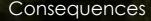
- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A hefty fine
- Up to 6 months in prison



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.





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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