



# MARIJUANA AND DRIVING IN COLORADO

STAY SAFE AND **KNOW THE LAW** BEFORE GETTING BEHIND THE WHEEL



## THE BASICS

- Under federal law it is still illegal to use and possess marijuana (THC). However, these barriers were removed in January 2014 from Colorado law for individuals age 21 and older.
- In Colorado, it is illegal to consume marijuana on any public roadway.
- Any amount of marijuana consumption will put you at risk for DUI – more than \$13,500 in costs.

## MARIJUANA IN VEHICLES

- Colorado's open containers law applies to marijuana. It is illegal to transport marijuana in the passenger area of a vehicle if it is in an open container, container with a broken seal, or if there is evidence marijuana has been consumed.
- Impaired drivers with children present in the vehicle will also be charged with child abuse.

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## ARRESTS

- Drug-related impaired driving arrests are based on observed impairment by law enforcement officers.
- Many of these Colorado officers have advanced training to detect impairment from a variety of substances.

## PROSECUTION

- After an arrest, a blood test will determine the amount of active THC in a person's blood.
- An active THC level of 5 nanograms or more can serve as evidence of impairment.
- Officer-observed impairment without a blood test can also serve as evidence.
- Refusing a blood test results in the installation of an ignition interlock device for two years and level two alcohol and drug education and therapy, regardless of a criminal conviction.

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