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Alcohol and Drugs: A Deadly Mix on the Road**

Alcohol-Related Incidents

Alcohol-related incidents encompass any traffic collision or other event involving a driver whose blood alcohol content (BAC) exceeds legal limits.

Prevalence of Alcohol and Drug-Related Accidents

A staggering 40.5% of all traffic accidents are caused by drugs and alcohol combined. Of these, alcohol alone accounts for approximately 30%.

Most Common Drugs Found in Crashes Besides Alcohol

Marijuana is the most prevalent illicit drug found in the bodies of crash victims.

Impact of Alcohol and Drugs on Driving

- **Alcohol:** Impairs judgment, coordination, and reaction time, leading to increased risk of crashes.
- **Drugs:** Can cause drowsiness, hallucinations, and impaired decision-making, significantly affecting driving ability.

Alcohol Incidents

Any traffic offense or incident involving a driver with a BAC above the legal limit is considered an alcohol incident.

Most Common Alcohol-Related Offense

Driving under the influence (DUI) is the most frequent alcohol-related offense, accounting for over 60% of all alcohol incidents.

Alcohol and Drug Involvement in Traffic Accidents

Over 50% of all fatal traffic accidents involve alcohol or drugs, demonstrating the deadly consequences of impaired driving.

Frequency of Alcohol-Related Accidents

Alcohol-related accidents occur as often as every 48 minutes in the United States.

Fatalities Caused by Drug Driving

In 2020, approximately 13,142 people were killed in crashes involving a driver who had recently used drugs.

Drugs Associated with Alcohol

- Marijuana
- Opioids
- Cocaine

Most Common Drugs Found in Crash Victims

- THC (marijuana)
- Alcohol

Most Abused Prescription Drugs

- Oxycodone
- Hydrocodone
- Xanax

Leading Killer on American Roadways

Drunk driving is the number one killer on American roadways.

Dangers of Mixing Drugs and Alcohol

- Amplified impairment
- Increased risk of overdose
- Fatal consequences

Initial Target of Alcohol in the Body

The brain is the first organ affected by alcohol, impairing judgment and cognitive function.

Examples of Alcohol-Related Harm

- Domestic violence
- Assault
- Alcohol poisoning

Common Alcohol-Related Health Issues

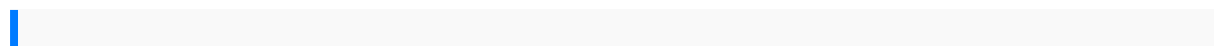
- Liver disease
- Heart disease
- Cancer

Alcohol-Related Crime

Alcohol intoxication is often a contributing factor in crimes such as assault and battery.

Most Alcohol-Related Problem

Alcohol use disorder (AUD) is the most alcohol-related problem in the United States, affecting millions of individuals.



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