

Unintentionally Impaired?

Learn how your medication can affect your driving.

No matter your age, if you're behind the wheel, you have a responsibility to drive safely. Drugs and medication, including those legally prescribed, have the potential to increase your risk of getting into a collision.

Different types of medication can impact your abilities behind the wheel.

Stimulants

- Reduces balance and coordination
- Reduces impulse control
- Increases risk-taking behaviours

Opioids

- Slows reaction time
- Reduces ability to divide attention and follow instructions
- Slows driving

Sedatives

- Impairs motor coordination and slows reaction time
- Decreases attentiveness and ability to divide attention

Drug-impaired driving is against the law and carries the same criminal consequences as alcohol-impaired driving. Talk to your doctor to understand how your medication may affect you.



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