



IS NOW THE RIGHT TIME?

Is Virginia Ready?

Car Insurance Premiums Could Rise

- 4 legalized states reported crashes increased 6% compared to non-legalized neighboring states
- Marijuana impairs driver's reaction times and judgement

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Car Insurance Premiums Went Up:

- \$200 the average increase in Colorado auto insurance premiums
- Averaged a 10% increase the year marijuana was legalized
- Averaged 16% increase the next year

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Costs and Safety Impacts

- No roadside tests available for law enforcement
- More tools and training are required to detect impaired driving from marijuana use
- 60% of regular marijuana users, in legalized states, report they drive whether they feel impaired or not

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1991 Marijuana Study...

found effects on piloting tasks in a flight simulator **even 24-hours** after using a moderate social dose of marijuana. [3]

Insurance, Costs, Safety

Colorado, Nevada, Oregon and Washington had a 6% increase in crashes. Colorado, Oregon and Washington had a combined increase of 5.2% "rate in crashes per million vehicle registrations, compared with neighboring states without legalized pot sales." "States exploring legalizing marijuana should consider this effect on highway safety." [1]



AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reported and "estimated 14.8 million drivers getting behind the wheel within one hour after using marijuana in the past 30 days." [1]

How do you currently opt to drive after using marijuana?

- 40.9% I never allow myself to drive after consuming marijuana
- 17.1% I try not to drive under the influence of marijuana but I do sometimes
- 15.4% I choose whether or when to drive under the influence of marijuana based on how I am feeling at the time
- 14.3% I drive under the influence of marijuana and do not think it has any negative impact on my driving performance [1]

[1] <https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/naperville-sun/ct-nvs-pot-effect-insurance-rates-st-0623-20190621-qmlmik5b4vdfk3jmsr3zmcnoa-story.html>; [2] <https://learnaboutsam.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Insurance-One-Pager.v3.pdf>; [3] <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/1849400/>

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