

IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT

2021 Halloween *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different.*

FACT SHEET & TALKING POINTS

This Halloween, the London Road Safety Corridor Advisory Committee (which is a partnership between Lane County, Oregon Department of Transportation, and South Lane Rural Fire and Rescue) is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to help remind drivers: *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different.* If you plan to drive, refrain from drugs, whether legally or illegally obtained. Designate a sober driver in advance. Someone who's affected by drugs shouldn't be making decisions about driving; that's why planning ahead is key. Let's stay safe this Halloween, and every day.

Know the Facts

- In Lane County, between 2015 and 2019, there were 316 total drug involved crashes.
- In Oregon, in 2019, cannabis was the leading drug identified in drivers killed in crashes. It is illegal to drive impaired -- no exceptions.
- Cannabis can slow reaction times, impair cognitive performance, and make it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane.

Financial Impacts

- On average, a DUI could set you back \$10,000 in attorney's fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, and more.
- Drive under the influence of any impairing substance and you could face jail time.
- Drug-impaired driving could cause you to lose your driver's license and your vehicle.

Play It Safe (Recommendations)

- Plan ahead for a sober driver to safely drive you to your destination. Like drunk driving, it is essential that drug-impaired drivers refrain from driving a vehicle.
- Passengers should never ride with an impaired driver. If you think a driver may be impaired, do not get in the car.
- Do you have a friend who is about to drive while impaired by drugs? Take the keys away and arrange to get them home safely. Don't worry about offending someone – they'll thank you later.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, call 1-800-24-DRUNK (1-800-243-7865).

For more information, visit the London Road Safety Corridor website at www.lanecountyor.gov/LRSC