

Direct Line & Brake Reports on Safe Driving

Fit to drive

DRUG DRIVING



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- Are you ready to drive?
- Fit to drive
- A risky business
- Speed
- Driven to distraction

The reports are based on a survey of 1,000 drivers, conducted by an external research agency, Surveygoo. For further reports in the series, visit www.brake.org.uk/safedrivingreports



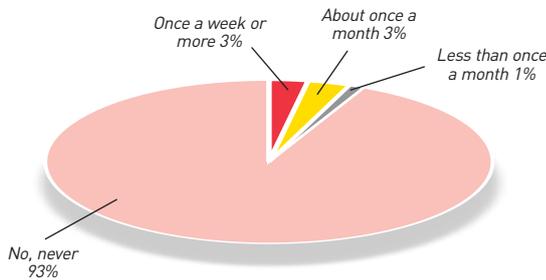
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Q1: In the past year, have you driven after taking illegal drugs?

7% of drivers report having driven in the past year after having taken illegal drugs.

- Once a week or more 3%
- About once a month 3%
- Less than once a month 1%
- No, never 93%

Figure 1: In the past year, have you driven after taking illegal drugs?

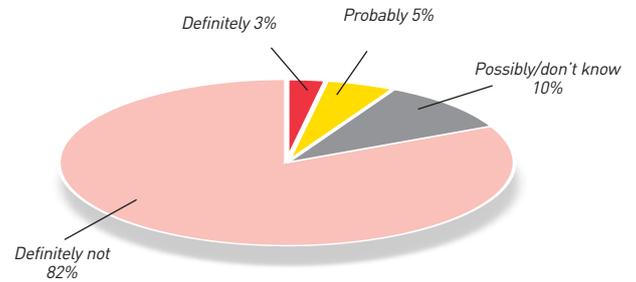


Q2: Within the past year, have you been a passenger with a driver who has taken illegal drugs or may still be affected by taking them?

1 in 5 people might have been a passenger in a car driven by a person on drugs in the past year.

- Definitely 3%
- Probably 5%
- Possibly/don't know 10%
- Definitely not 82%

Figure 2: Within the past year, have you been a passenger with a driver who has taken illegal drugs or may still be affected by taking them?



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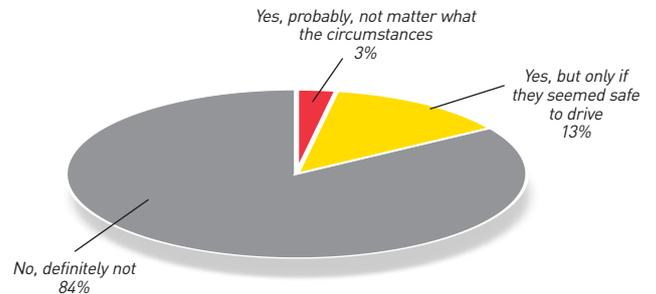
- It has been estimated that 200 people a year are killed on Britain's roads by drivers on drugs¹.
- Under legislation introduced in March 2015, it is illegal to drive with any amount of certain illegal drugs in your body, including cannabis, cocaine, ecstasy and ketamine. The offence carries a maximum six month jail sentence, maximum £5,000 fine, and an automatic 12 month driving ban. The police can test at the roadside for the most common drugs, cannabis and cocaine.
- Drugs can affect people in different ways. Always read the label of prescription drugs to find out if they could affect your driving, for example by causing drowsiness.

Q3: If you had been relying on a designated driver to drive you home, and then found out that they had been taking drugs, would you get in?

One in seven people would get into the car with a designated driver who they knew had taken drugs.

- Yes, probably, not matter what the circumstances 3%
- Yes, but only if they seemed safe to drive 13%
- No, definitely not 84%

Figure 3: If you had been relying on a designated driver to drive you home, and then found out that they had been taking drugs, would you get in?



End notes

1. Report of the Review of Drink and Drug Driving Law, Sir Peter North, report to the Department for Transport, 2010