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Marijuana and driving

10% of Massapequas' 11th/12th grade students reported driving a car after they had been using marijuana or other drugs.*

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- Marijuana's effects on driving include**
 - poor attention to task; poor time and distance perception
 - slower braking and reaction time
 - poor speed maintenance
 - poor lane tracking and more steering corrections
- Research shows an increase in crash risk with marijuana use. The combined use of alcohol and marijuana together is common among seriously and fatally injured drivers. ***
- Since recreational marijuana was legalized in Colorado, traffic deaths involving drivers who tested positive for marijuana more than doubled from 55 in 2013 to 115 people killed in 2018. ****
 - This equates to one person killed every 3 days in 2018 compared to one person killed every 6 ½ days in 2013.



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*Massapequa youth statistics are cited from the New York State Office on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services Partnership for Success Student Survey administered in September 2018 in Massapequa Public Schools grades 7-12.

**Compton and Berning, 2015; Hartman and Huestis, 2013; Hartman et al., 2015; Kelly-Baker, 2014

***National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Colorado Department of Transportation

****Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact Volume 6 September 2019