

# Drugged Driving: The Hidden Dangers

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Overall, most people seem to have gotten the message that drunk driving is dangerous, but the same message doesn't seem to be getting out about drugged driving.

Unlike alcohol where it's known how much in the blood causes impairment, the same can't be said about other drugs. The waters get murkier when prescription drugs enter the mix since there are so many combinations people take. Some medicines for common ailments could cause impairment when mixed together.

During this hour-long program, ***Drugged Driving: The Hidden Dangers***, learn how big the problem really is and why it's so difficult to do more to solve it. See how one group that promotes highway safety started a public awareness campaign to spread the word about the dangers of drugged driving. Find out why it can be difficult to prove impairment.

## Key Concepts:

- Learn about the problem of drugged driving
- Find out which drugs are involved and which are most prevalent
- See how the Delaware Office of Highway Safety is trying to raise awareness
- Hear about difficulties surrounding roadside identification of impaired driving

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Dr. Huestis is interested in the disposition of drugs and metabolites in a wide variety of biological fluids and tissues following controlled drug administration; data that provide a scientific database for interpreting drug concentrations in many alternative matrices.

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