Marijuana Impairment Impacts on Roadway Safety

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- Identifies issues and solutions for addressing marijuana-impaired car drivers
  - Roadside detection
  - Testing challenges
  - Judicial training
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- Detecting marijuana-impaired driving
  - Per se limits
  - Observed impairment

- §40 Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs
  - CDL Driver positive drug tests infrequent
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- Marijuana impairs safety critical functions
  - Divided attention
  - Reaction time

- Factors complicating identification of impairment:
  - Peak impairment differs from peak THC blood content
  - Low levels of THC in blood do not necessarily indicate recent use
  - THC deteriorates rapidly in blood
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- Data Collection
- Public Information
- Law Enforcement Training
- Criminal Justice Training
- Funding
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