



# Impaired Driving Scenarios & Discussion Questions

**Scenario #1:** If an older person from high school or college offers to drive you home from an event, and you know they have been drinking, what would you do? What would you say?

**Scenario #2:** If a friend told you that they are a better driver when they are high, what would you say? Do you believe them? Why or why not? Would you allow them to drive if they just smoked marijuana?

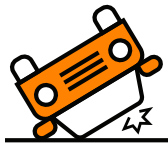
**Scenario #3:** If your sibling or a good friend drove drunk or high, what would you do? Would you tell your parents or their parents? Why or why not?

**Scenario #4:** If you saw a group of popular students drinking and they all piled into a car, would that make you want to go with them? Would you, even if you have a rule about getting in a car with someone who has been drinking or using substances?

## Critical Thinking Section

### Students:

- What are your beliefs about drinking, drugging, and driving?
- Do you know someone who drinks or drugs and drives? How does that make you feel?
- Does your family have a rule about drinking and driving? Do you agree with it?
- Do you know anyone who died or was hurt in a drunk or drugged driving accident? How did it affect you or their family?
- Why are the drugged driving accidents increasing in the U.S.?
- What would your family do if they received a phone call late at night from the police to let them know you or another family died in a drunk or drugged driving crash?
- Do you think people are making too big of deal about drunk or drugged driving? Why or why not?



**Every 50 Minutes  
Someone Dies in a  
Drunk Driving Crash.**

**1 Out of 4 Crashes  
Involves a Teenage Driver  
#1 Cause of Death in Teens**

**Why 21?:** Children who use alcohol before age 21, even under supervision, are more likely to develop alcohol use problems as adults, suffer arrested development, and more likely to be involved in an alcohol-related crash. Teens are affected by alcohol differently than adults, get drunk faster, and have difficulty knowing when to stop.

Many countries still have drinking ages under 21. Those countries have more negative societal consequences from alcohol use, including higher rates of alcohol-related accidents. Increasing the legal drinking age to 21 reduces overall rates of drinking, problem drinking, drinking while driving, and alcohol-related crashes.

### Staff & Family:

- What are your family's rules about drinking, drugging, and driving?
- What refusal skills could you role-play with your kids or students to practice saying 'no' to drunk and drugged driving?
- What are your beliefs about hosting parties for underage drinkers to keep them from drinking and driving?
- Do you know anyone who has been in a drunk driving accident?
- Do you drink alcohol? How do you model normal drinking?
- What would your child do if they knew someone who was drinking underage?
- Is it a myth that youth in European countries drink underage without negative outcomes? How can you find out?