

Transcript

Episode 2. Straight facts on cannabis and driving

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[Upbeat music plays]

[Video: *Preparation for a video shoot is shown*]

[Text on screen: *Episode 2*]

[Animation: *A Google search engine appears on the screen and the words "What are the rules with driving and cannabis?" are typed into the search bar and a cursor clicks the search button.*]

Red and blue panels come up from the bottom. The CAA logo stops in the middle. #DontDriveHigh appears above the logo. "A conversation with Teresa & Kerry" appears below.]

Teresa >> Hey Kerry how are you?

Kerry >> Awesome, really good!

Teresa >> I really thank you for joining me.

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[Animation: *Red and blue panels flow across the screen from bottom of the screen to top.*]

[Video: *Teresa and Kerry are sitting together*]

Teresa >> There's a lot of misunderstanding or misconceptions out there so who better to team up with us than you, so thanks!

Kerry >> Awesome, hey I'm looking forward to it.

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[Upbeat music plays]

[Animation: *Red and blue panels flow across the screen from bottom to top to reveal a white screen with text. The white background fades to show a person driving a motorcycle and a busy highway.*]

[Text on Screen: *Episode Two. To keep Ontario residents informed about the facts, dispel the myths and promote an understanding of the laws that impact every driver, here is what you need to know about cannabis. #DontDriveHigh*]

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[Video: *Teresa and Kerry are sitting and talking to each other*]

[Text on Screen: *Teresa Di Felice CAA SCO*]

Teresa >> What's the difference between what's in your blood system and what you're looking for at the side of the road and impairment?

[Text on screen: *Sgt. Kerry Schmidt Ontario Provincial Police*]

Kerry: If there's cannabis in your blood or in your body in your system, that may or may not be an offense, and it depends how your body reacts to that content in your body. If we find someone who is showing visual signs of impairment they're gonna be charged with impaired driving and that's gonna be realized in those roadside tests and the drug recognition evaluations. In the office we have a lot of issues around all sorts of driving behavior. Distracted driving, aggressive driving, impaired driving are all big concerns for us.

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[Video: *A variety of videos show drivers distracted by their phones and then changes to show Kerry and Teresa sitting together again*]

Kerry >> When it comes to distracted driving your attention is away from the road. You don't know what's going on in front of you, but if you lift your eyes and reacquaint yourself with their surroundings, you can actually drive safely. If you're driving impaired through, pot or alcohol, it doesn't matter what you're trying to do you can try to focus and concentrate as best as you can but you're still impaired. Your body is not capable of making those sound responsible decisions.

Teresa >> One question I'd ask you Karry, is were you guys laying charges before for impairment due to cannabis and other kind of drugs and not just alcohol.

Kerry >> The Criminal Code is very specific impaired driving is a criminal offense by anyone who operates a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drug. Nothing changed with the legalization of cannabis.

Teresa >> There have been numerous studies conducted over years showing that a crash risk for a driver increases two to three times after consuming cannabis. The studies have been done by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, CAMH Canadian Center on substance abuse and even in 2018 a study was done by McGill University, that was actually funded by CAA, that looked at clinical trials and the impact of cannabis. And there are impact so you know, we do know in fact, that there is an

impact to your driving abilities. It can cause impairment and it definitely increases your crash risk yeah.

Kerry >> Now with the legalization of cannabis people may think that well this is something new it's legal what's wrong with it there's nothing wrong with smoking it there is a problem with smoking it and driving if you are feeling any effects from that smoke that you're inhaling I think that's a flag for you to realize that okay I'm not in the condition to drive.

Teresa >> Right so it's not about testing that nanogram, it's about impairment. It's important, and if you're feeling not good, that's the sign that you're not good to drive too.

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[Sound: *Ding*]

[Animation: *Red, blue and grey panels flow across the screen from the bottom to the top. The CAA logo appears on the middle of the screen*]

[Text on screen: *caasco.com/cannabis #DontDriveHigh*]

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