

Governors Highway Safety Association - Surface Transportation
Reauthorization: Behavioral Traffic Safety Priorities

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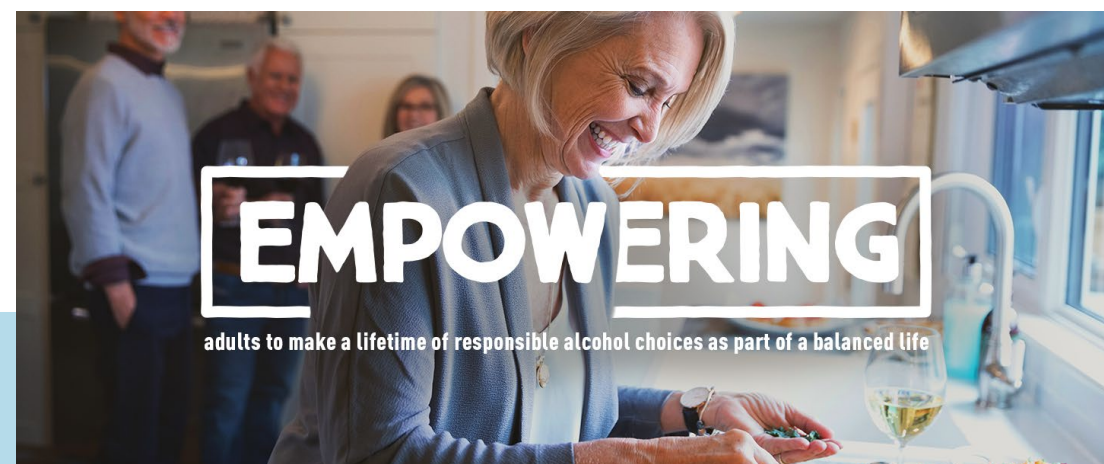
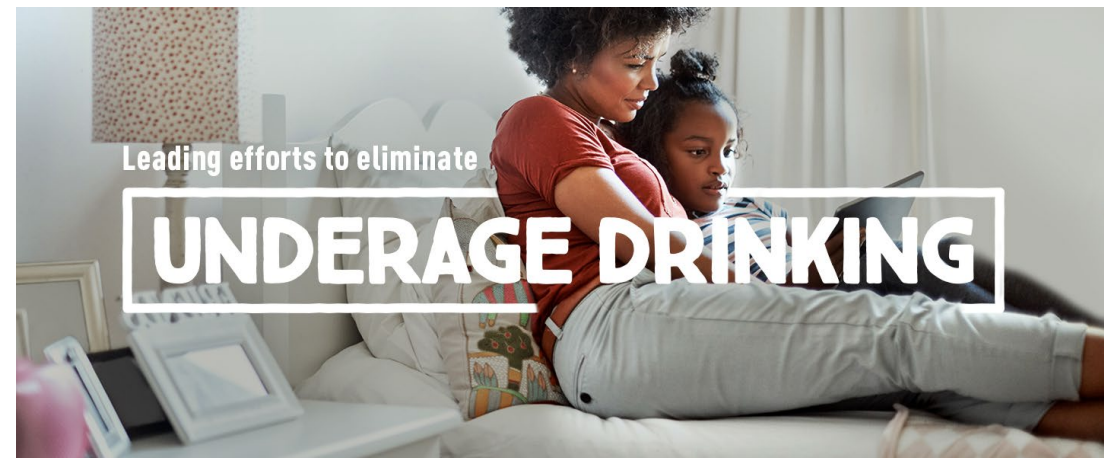


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National Advisory Board

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Educational Advisory Board

The [Responsibility.org](https://responsibility.org) Educational Advisory board comprises education, parenting, and prevention experts who guide [Responsibility.org](https://responsibility.org)'s educational programming. Most recently, they met to discuss mental health and other emerging topics and issues surrounding underage drinking prevention.

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The [Responsibility.org](https://responsibility.org) Judicial Advisory Board is made up of judges from across the United States that provide input on mental health, impaired driving, recidivism reduction measures, and high-risk impaired driving issue areas.

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Eliminate Underage Drinking



ALCOHOL⁺



Eliminate Drunk & Impaired Driving



**Resources for
Criminal Justice
Professionals**



Empower Adults to Make a Lifetime of Responsible Alcohol Choices



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The National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving (NASID) is a coalition established and led by [Responsibility.org](https://responsibility.org) to eliminate all forms of impaired driving, especially multiple substance impaired driving, through effective and proven measures such as DUI system reform, DUI detection, and improved use of data and technology.

NASID provides national leadership to identifying and promoting solutions to impaired driving, including expanded chemical testing among impaired drivers, training for criminal justice practitioners, toxicology lab capacity, improvement and programs to increase the likelihood of recovery and reductions in recidivism. Our work includes state and federal advocacy efforts, public awareness and education, and state implementation of effective programs.



About the Coalition

Establish drug/multi-substance impaired driving as a top priority safety issue

Persuade the public and decision-makers to expand drug testing – screening/evidentiary

Explore and advocate for emerging technologies

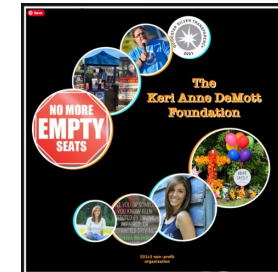
- Ensure a greater public understanding of how it works, reliability, effectiveness
- Dispel myths regarding technology –oral fluid testing
- Promote pilot programs and replicate them in target states

Build champions for issue among elected officials and stakeholders

Convene influencers for State and Federal legislative action

Assist practitioners with training and education

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April 27-29, 2027

**Renaissance Arlington
Capital View Hotel**
2800 South Potomac Ave
Arlington, VA 22202

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Drugged Driving - Driver Fatalities (Source: NHTSA, FARS, 4/26)

Four out of ten (40%) drivers killed in motor vehicle crashes tested positive for **both** drugs and alcohol, including 33% who were driving drunk and had drugs in their system.

Additionally, 15 percent (or 3,600) of total driver fatalities in 2024 involved a driver who tested positive for cannabinoids* and 22 percent (or 5,489) were positive for **two or more impairing drugs**.

In 2024, among drivers tested, **49% of drivers killed in a traffic crash had a BAC .01 or higher and** tested positive for cannabinoids*. Forty-one percent (41%) of cannabinoid*- positive driver fatalities involved a drunk driver (BAC = .08+).

In 2024, **60% of drug-positive driver fatalities**, involved a driver who tested positive for drugs but not alcohol, and 40 percent were positive for both alcohol (BAC=.01+) and at least one other drug. Additionally, 33 percent of drug-positive driver fatalities involved an alcohol-impaired driver.

Driving Under the Influence (Source: 2024 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 7/25)

In 2024, among individuals 16 years of age and older, 8.6% self-reported they drove under the influence of alcohol or another illicit drug; 5.3% self-reported driving under the influence of alcohol, 4.7% said they drove under the influence of an illicit drug, and 4.3% report driving under the influence of marijuana.

Responsibility.org priorities in BUILD America 250 Act

- Implementation and Protection of the HALT Drunk Driving Law
- Supporting law enforcement efforts through a Traffic Safety Enforcement Center of Excellence
- Continued funding of NHTSA Section 402 and Section 405 Grant Programs with countermeasures that work – ignition interlocks, High-Visibility Enforcement (HVE), behavioral safety programs
- Drug impaired driving enforcement measures

Drug Impaired Driving Prevention – in the *America Builds 250 Act*

Improves drug-involved crash data and research

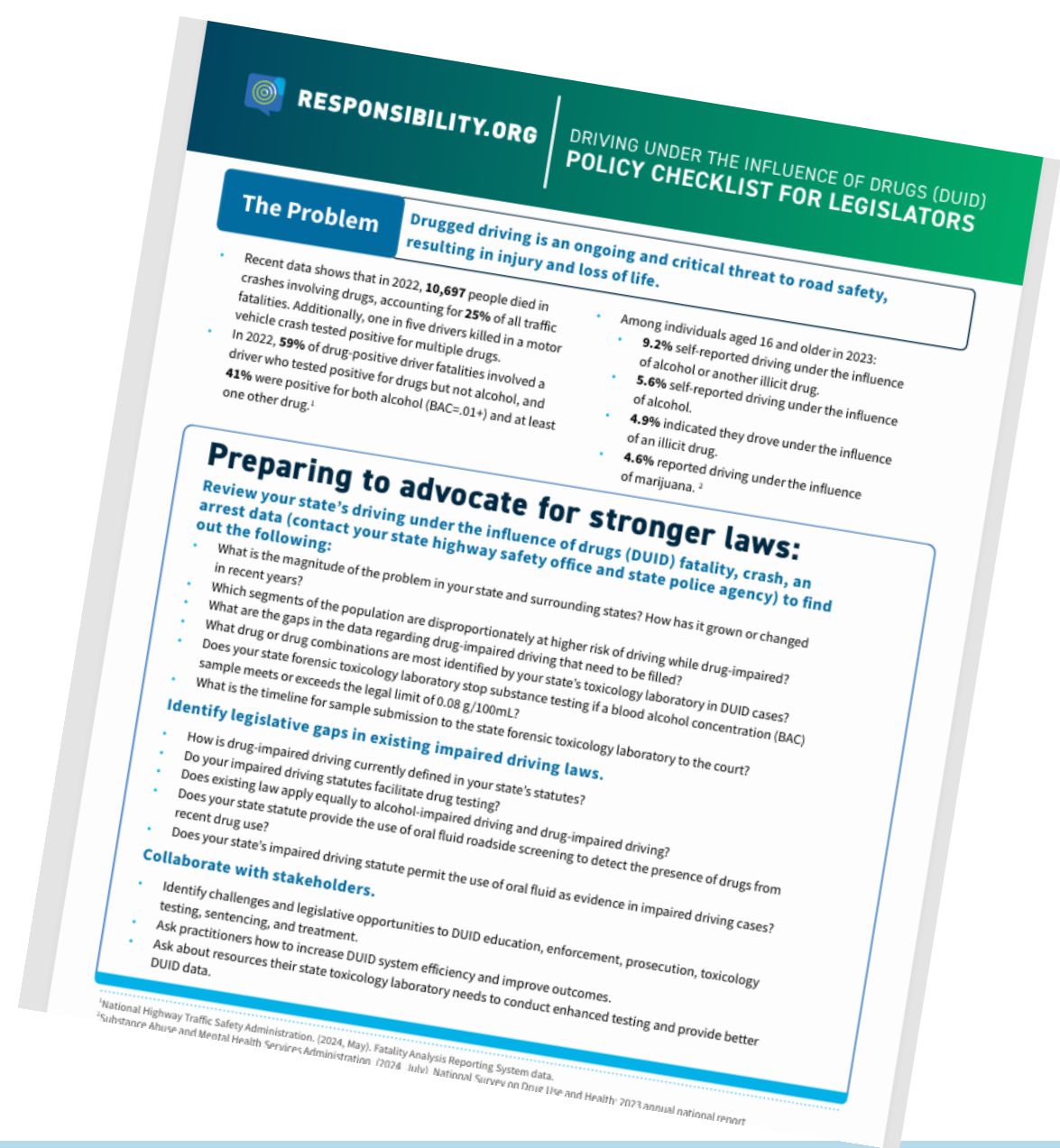
- Creation of a national drug-involved crash data collection system

Mandates drug-impaired driving research

- Requires NHTSA to carry out a collaborative research effort and write a report to Congress focused on:
 - the effect cannabis and polysubstance impairment has on driving;
 - ways to reduce drug-impaired driving
 - evidence-based impairment standards for cannabis or polysubstance use.

Drug Impaired Driving Prevention – Beyond the Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- Oral fluid roadside screening
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program
- Toxicology Lab funding and testing programs
- Support for criminal justice-related programs; Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRPs), Judicial Outreach Liaisons (JOL), Law Enforcement Liaisons (LEL), Regional Toxicology Liaisons (RTL)
- Mental health screening & assessments for all impaired drivers
- Law Enforcement Phlebotomy & E-Warrants



Drug Impaired Driving Prevention – *What's Next*

- *Coming in 2027!* Responsibility.org is partnering with GHSA on a major report examining trends in drug-impaired driving, toxicology and data limitations, and emerging countermeasures. The report will help inform policymakers and practitioners as efforts continue to improve drug-impaired driving data collection, research, and prevention.
- *Next Meeting, October 2026!* Responsibility.org and NASID's Oral Fluid Working Group brings together experts from law enforcement, toxicology, traffic safety, and industry to support the development of oral fluid screening programs that can improve drug-impaired driving detection and strengthen data collection efforts nationwide.

Thank you!

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