

## Burneikis Law, P.C. Publishes Article on Marijuana-Related Traffic Fatality Data

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Burneikis Law, P.C., Personal Injury and Accident Attorneys has published an article about an analysis of marijuana-related car accident statistics in California, reflecting the latest data on how cannabis legalization has affected road safety throughout the state. The Oakland-based personal injury firm's updated resource examines current trends in drug-impaired driving incidents and provides critical information for California drivers.

The updated analysis, available at https://burneikislaw.com/marijuana-car-accident-statistics-in-california/, reveals that drug-involved crash fatalities now account for approximately 25 percent of all crash deaths in California. According to data from California's Office of Traffic Safety, 50.3 percent of all drivers killed in motor vehicle crashes who underwent testing showed positive results for legal or illegal drugs as of 2021.

"The data demonstrates a significant shift in California's traffic safety landscape since marijuana legalization," said Monica Burneikis, founding attorney at Burneikis Law. "Understanding these statistics helps both legal professionals and the public recognize the evolving challenges in road safety and the importance of responsible driving practices, particularly given that California still lacks a legal limit equivalent to blood

alcohol concentration for marijuana."

The analysis highlights that marijuana affects driving ability by slowing reaction times and potentially increasing reckless behavior, with effects most pronounced in the first 30 to 45 minutes after inhalation. These impairments become particularly dangerous when marijuana is combined with alcohol or other substances, creating compound risks for all road users.

Burneikis Law's updated resource addresses the complex legal landscape surrounding marijuana-impaired driving cases in California. Unlike alcohol-related incidents, where blood alcohol concentration provides a clear legal standard, marijuana cases present unique challenges for law enforcement and legal professionals. The absence of an established THC limit comparable to the 0.08 percent BAC standard means that proving impairment requires different approaches and evidence.

The firm's analysis also provides guidance for drivers who suspect they may be sharing the road with an impaired driver. The resource emphasizes the importance of immediately contacting law enforcement when observing erratic driving behavior that may indicate marijuana impairment.

Burneikis Law maintains an active presence on social media platforms, sharing updates and legal insights at https://x.com/burneikislaw. The firm continues to monitor developments in California traffic safety law and regularly updates its resources to reflect the latest data and legal standards

The timing of this update coincides with ongoing discussions among California policymakers about establishing standardized testing protocols and legal limits for marijuana-impaired driving. As the state continues to navigate the intersection of cannabis legalization and public safety, accurate data and analysis become increasingly vital for informed decision-making.

Burneikis Law, P.C. is an Oakland-based personal injury law firm representing victims injured due to negligence and was recently recognized by "Best Lawyers in America". The firm handles various personal injury matters including car accidents, wrongful death cases, traumatic brain injury claims, and civil rights violations. Led by attorney Monica Burneikis, who brings nearly two decades of legal experience, the firm serves clients throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and California. Learn more about the firm on https://www.facebook.com/burneikislaw/.

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