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AAA: Driving Can Be Risky; With Booze, Riskier; With Pot — Well, You're Just a Magnet for Risk

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People who use alcohol and marijuana — not necessarily while on the road — are significantly more likely to speed, text, and adopt other reckless behaviors when they do drive, says a AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety study.

— *an announcement from* [AAA Northeast](#)

These same drivers are far more likely to drive under the influence of alcohol and to ride with an intoxicated driver compared to those who **only** drink, but don't puff, the AAA study also reports.

Compared to alcohol-only users, the research also found people who admitted to using both drugs were more

likely to self-report such behaviors as:

- Speeding in residential neighborhood (55% vs 35% for alcohol-only)
- Aggressive driving (52% for both vs. 28% for alcohol only)
- Running red lights (48% for both vs. 32% for alcohol only) and
- Texting while driving (40% for both vs. 21% for alcohol only)

The AAA research was published in the January 2021 peer-reviewed journal *Transportation Research Record*. ([See abstract](#)).