

SAFETY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 2

PERCENTAGE OF DRIVERS AND RIDERS COMPLYING WITH DRUG DRIVING LAWS



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Safety Performance Indicator (SPI) 2 measures the percentage of drivers and riders who operate their vehicle while complying with drug driving laws.

WHY COMPLYING WITH DRUG DRIVING LAWS IS IMPORTANT

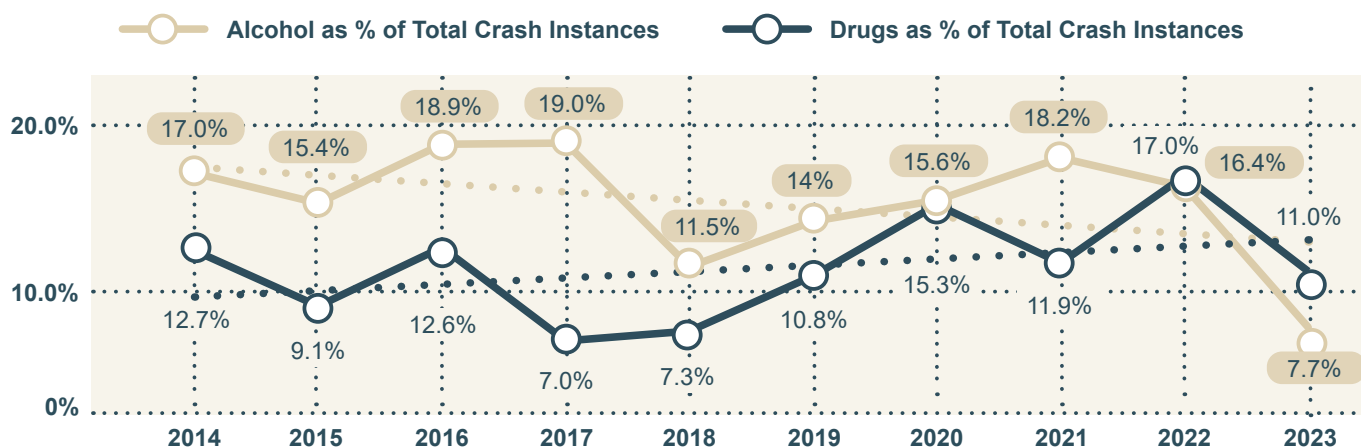
Different drugs can have different effects on a person. Regardless of the type, they may often reduce a person's ability to competently drive or ride whilst under their influence. Research has shown us that driving under the influence of a drug leads to an increased risk of being involved in a fatal traffic crash.

Drug driving is also not regularly a crash factor by itself. It is nearly always combined with other factors (such as drink driving, speeding, distraction, and inattention) in a crash. Importantly, the use of multiple drugs at once can drastically increase the likelihood of a crash occurring. It can lead to extreme impairments regarding reaction time, speed and distance judgements, risk taking behaviours and visual distortions.

PROGRESS ON COMPLIANCE

Drug driving behaviour is receiving greater focus in the road safety profession as data reporting and testing practices are enhanced. It is necessary to continue monitoring and evaluating the issue of drug driving and riding in the Tasmanian context. This is important whilst best-practice methods to address drug driving and riding are developed through local and international research before being made practically available for deployment in Tasmania.

A key aspect being monitoring through new research is the cost-effective deployment of drug driving and riding detection methods, which may enable drug testing to be administered in a manner like drink driving and riding testing. In 2022-23, Tasmania Police conducted roughly 4,500 oral fluid tests (drug tests) and nearly 160,000 random breath tests across Tasmania.



- SPI 2: The level of compliance for this SPI is to be confirmed.