
Drink and Drug Driving

Learning Outcomes:

- To learn about the laws to do with drink and drug driving
- To consider ethics associated with drink and drug driving

Equipment:

- Drink and Drug Driving Case Studies
- These websites: <https://www.gov.uk/drink-drive-limit> and <https://www.gov.uk/drug-driving-law>

Instructions:

- Have a look at the two government web pages. Discuss/learn about the laws relating to drink and drug driving.
- Go through the case studies – either individually or together. What, if anything, does the law say about each one? Do you have any opinion about the scenario? How would you deal with each one?
- If you do this individually, you can then chat with each other about what you decided for each one. It's OK not to have the same opinion about each one, although obviously you can't have different opinions about what the law says.
- (This might be a helpful exercise for mid-teens who are thinking about/hoping to learn to drive fairly soon.)

National Curriculum:

Secondary: Pupils should know the facts about legal and illegal drugs and their associated risks, including the link between drug use, and the associated risks, including the link to serious mental health conditions. And the physical and psychological risks associated with alcohol consumption and what constitutes low risk alcohol consumption in adulthood.

Case studies – Drink/drug-driving

Please consider the following:

- What are the issues?
- What do you think should happen to the people involved?

1. Jack and Sue are with a friend who has had too much to drink. Their friend is supposed to take them home and is insisting that he is ok to drive.

2. Yvonne is 43 and driving just under the legal limit. She suffers from depression. When driving, she hits a pedestrian who loses an arm.

3. A parent has been smoking cannabis and wants to take their children out for a drive.

4. Steve is 17. He has stolen a car and driven it into a lamp post while under the influence of a drug (you can decide which one!). The car is a write-off and he suffered whiplash and a broken collar bone.