**2019 OTC/Rx Drug-Impaired Driving**

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**Hello everyone. [Name] here with an important message about a growing danger on our nation’s roads.**

I’m sure you’ve read those labels about not operating heavy machinery after taking medication. Well a car, even a small one, is a pretty heavy machine, and even using common prescription and over-the-counter drugs—including allergy, cold and flu, and sleep medications—can impair your ability to safely drive. The bottom line is: The risk of a crash increases with use of some over-the-counter and prescription drugs.

Unfortunately, the number of motorists driving under the influence of impairing drugs is growing, along with the risk of a deadly crash.

And not only is it dangerous, but driving while impaired by any substance is against the law. Violating state DUI laws can result in arrest, heavy fines, lost wages, increased insurance costs and more.

So please, think twice before getting behind the wheel when taking drugs, even if they are prescribed. Remember, there’s more than one way to be under the influence.

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**Hello everyone. [Name] here.**

Common medicines, including allergy, cold and flu, sleep, pain relief and anxiety medications, can cause drowsiness, slow your reaction time, and impair your ability to drive.

Please don’t drive impaired, and remember: There’s more than one way to be under the influence.

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