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Driving Under the Influence of Drugs

In March 2015, new drug driving laws in England and Wales were introduced, making it a specific offence to drive after having certain drugs above prescribed levels.

It is illegal to drive if either:

- You're unfit to do so because you're on legal or illegal drugs
- You have certain levels of illegal drugs in your blood (even if they haven't affected your driving)

The potential penalty if caught is a minimum 12 month driving ban, up to 6 months in prison, an unlimited fine and a criminal record.

It has been reported that there were 7,796 arrests between March 2015 and April 2016 in relation to drug-driving offences. The Metropolitan Police recorded the most arrests with 1,636.

Details of the new legislation, a list of prescription medicines which can impair your driving and conditions which permit you to drive if taking prescription drugs can all be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-driving-law>

Note: the Crossrail Drug and Alcohol Policy contains additional restrictions on drug and alcohol use when working on the Crossrail project.

If in any doubt at all, talk to your doctor, line manager or the specialist in your HR department before you drive.



Examples of roadside drug-analysis devices

