

Abstract

The true impact of drug-impaired driving in Alaska is not known due to a lack of comprehensive data related to injuries associated with impaired driving crashes. Alaska has numerous databases that collect data related to crashes and traffic safety; however, because the databases are not linked there is an inability to determine the extent of injuries related to drug-impaired driving crashes. This project utilized key informant interviews to obtain information and reviewed literature on drug-impaired driving recommendations. The project found there is no central data repository for crash and injury information and there is insufficient data collection related to impaired driving. Recommendations include creating a central data repository, increasing data collection related to impaired driving, changing the state's driving under the influence (DUI) law, creating a statewide impaired driving task force, increasing education, and increasing resources for prosecuting DUI cases.