

ROAD SAFETY ADVICE



Armagh City
Banbridge
& Craigavon
Borough Council

To **prevent deaths and serious injuries**, pedestrians and drivers must share the road and the responsibility.

DRINK DRIVING/DRUG DRIVING KILLS!

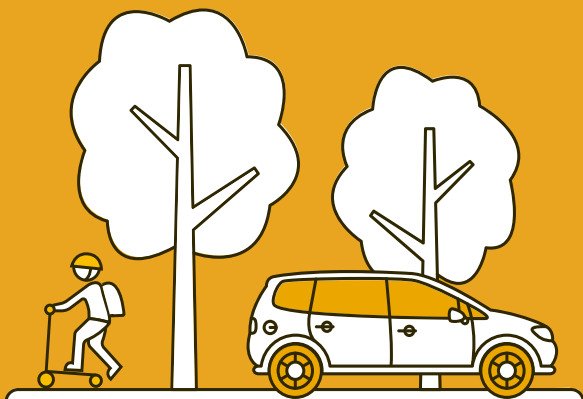
Drinking alcohol and taking drugs slows down your reactions and impairs judgement, causing accidents.

Police advise you not drive if you have consumed any alcohol.

It is against the law to drive whilst unfit through drugs and **the law does not distinguish between illegal drugs and drugs that are prescribed or bought over the counter.**




If the police stop you and find you are unfit to drive through taking alcohol or drugs, you risk:


- ⚠ Being banned from driving
- ⚠ An unlimited fine
- ⚠ Imprisonment










**Be aware of children playing in the street.
When driving in a built up area reduce your speed &
be aware. Respect everyone's journey.**

REQUIREMENTS TO DRIVE LEGALLY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

-  **Driver's Licence** - Your name and correct address.
-  **Certificate of Insurance** - All vehicles must have MOT certificate. An MOT is a test of a vehicle's safety and roadworthiness you must have a valid MOT certificate in order to legally drive a vehicle
-  **Road Tax** - Every vehicle registered in Northern Ireland (NI) must be taxed. If the vehicle is kept off-road it must either be taxed or have a SORN (Statutory Off Road Notification).

Failure to have any of the above, may lead to a fine, points on your licence, vehicle seizure and possibly a jail sentence. Further information  www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/motoring

CYCLING - KEEP YOU AND OTHER ROAD USERS SAFE

-  Check your bicycle regularly and ensure all necessary maintenance is up to date.
-  Ensure your bicycle has a bell and, lights and reflectors are in clean working order.
-  Be visible and wear a well-fitting cycle helmet.
-  Be aware of your surroundings and other road users.
-  Avoid distractions e.g. loud music, using your phone
-  It is illegal, except where there is a marked track, for anyone aged 10 and over to cycle a bicycle on a footpath.
-  Highway code can be accessed at  www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/highway-code-downloadable-version and available in various languages.