Indications that you're tired & should avoid driving...



- Frequent blinking and/or yawning
- Difficulties keeping your head up
- Trouble keeping eyes open and/or focused
- Daydreaming/spacing off
- Memory problems
- Driving errors—i.e. drifting, running lights, missing turns, misreading signs, difficulty maintaining correct speed, etc.



Do not drive if you have been up for 22+ hours. 3

Be aware that driving during a time that you are usually asleep can increase your odds of being tired and having issues staying awake.

When you take breaks, stretching your legs and doing something else for a bit can help.



Take driving breaks, especially for long distances. AAA recommends taking a break every 100 miles or 2 hours.



Know your limits and don't push yourself. Find different means to relax each day, especially if you are feeling stressed.

Don't underestimate the power of naps. 15-20 minutes can be very refreshing. (AAA also noted to keep in mind that you may have to shake off some drowsiness right after waking up.)



Find a different means of transportation. Call a friend or family member or take a cab or bus.



Keep in mind that caffeine typically takes about 30 minutes to kick in.

Sources: University of Oxford, The National Sleep Foundation, AAA, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), National Safety Council, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Governors Highway Safety Association, and The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)