

MARIJUANA

Youth and Marijuana It's a Bad Mix

- Impairs memory
- Impairs thinking
- Impairs problem-solving
- Impairs attention
- Impairs coordination



Regular use can lead to irreversible damage.

Learning and Marijuana It's a Bad Mix

- Students who use regularly:
 - Tend to get lower grades
 - More likely to drop out of school
 - Can lose **8 IQ points** when they start young and use long-term

It is a Mistake to Think it's Safe

The drug marijuana contains a mind-altering chemical called THC, which over-activates certain parts of the brain.

Psychosis?

The increased potency of today's marijuana increases the chance of psychotic episodes, even on first-use.

YES - It is Addictive

61% of youth under age 15 and **56%** ages 15-19, who are in drug treatment, are there for marijuana drug dependence.

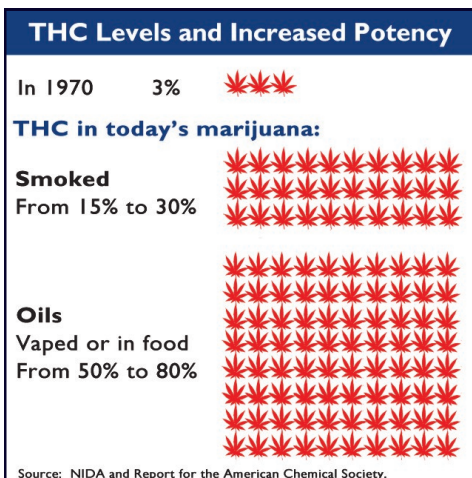
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who start using as a teen become addicted.

Today's Changing Marijuana

Marijuana drug use is changing. Today marijuana is far more powerful than it was in the 1970's, as manufacturers are increasing the potency.

Today marijuana is smoked or vaped using vaporizing pens. Also, its highly potent oil is infused into edible products. Marijuana manufacturers are putting the drug into candies and cookies and drinks. In Colorado, almost half of the marijuana consumed is in edible form (Denver Post 10/20/14).



Behavior of Someone Using Marijuana

- ▶ Acting euphoric or silly (high).
- ▶ Memory impairment, lethargy, listlessness.
- ▶ Adverse mental reactions can include anxiety, fear, distrust, or panic, some may even experience psychosis, which includes hallucinations, delusions and paranoia.
- ▶ Users may have red or bloodshot eyes, increased appetite, increased heart rate and sleep issues.

Marijuana Harmless?
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