

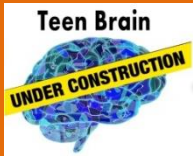


Today's Marijuana is Addictive.

1 in 11 adults and 1 in 6 youth will become dependent with 1 in 3 developing problem use. Earlier use is linked to greater chance of dependence. Teens who use daily increase their chance of addiction to 50%.

The Brain Develops Until Age 25

Because the teen brain is in a crucial stage of development, marijuana has a unique effect on the teen brain. These effects include: addiction, psychosis, panic, depression, anxiety, decrease in IQ & impaired learning, memory, and decreased math, and reading levels.



Damage to The Heart

Marijuana can cause the heart rate to increase by 20 – 50 beats per minute. This increase can last for hours after use has stopped.



Legal Use

To use recreationally, you have to be 21 years or older and can only use in a private residence. Where tobacco use is prohibited so is marijuana use. It is illegal to drive under the influence or with an open container, and it is illegal to sell marijuana unless through a licensed dispensary.



If Adults Disapprove, Teens Less Likely To Use

Parents who talk about marijuana use being wrong have teens that are 4xs less likely to use. Youth who think adults in their community think marijuana use is wrong are 3xs less likely to use.



Teens who use lower their academic performance, increase truancy and drop out, are more likely to not graduate, and lessen the chance of finding employment later in life.

Marijuana use while driving makes a crash 2xs as likely & causes impaired ability to estimate time and distance, slower reaction times, lack of coordination and perception.

