

WHAT IS MARIJUANA?

FACTS

What is marijuana?

Dried leaves/flowers of the cannabis plant

Contains THC (TetraHydroCannabinol) which is known to have psychoactive effects

Marijuana is usually smoked

After alcohol, marijuana is the most popular drug amongst teens in the United States

Regardless of name, this drug is a hallucinogen

Using marijuana while pregnant will increase the chance of your baby having birth defects

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov/drug-facts/marijuana>

<http://lib.adai.washington.edu/clearinghouse/>

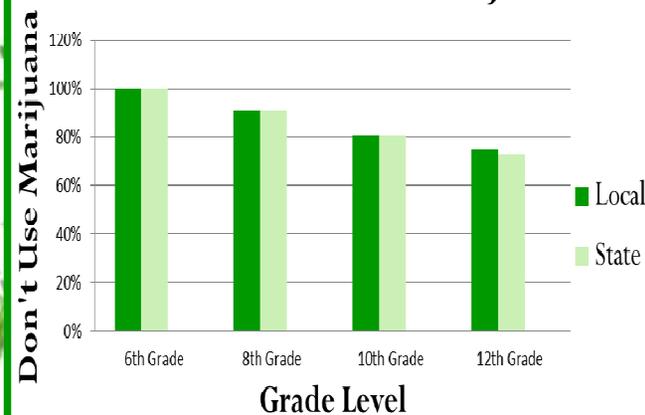
STATISTICS

IN THE USA:

- 14.6 million people report using marijuana in the last month
- 90% of males don't use marijuana
- 94% of females don't use marijuana
- More than 800,000 people are arrested each year for marijuana
- 7-10% of regular users become dependent
- 100,000 people per year are treated for marijuana addiction

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/>

Teens Who Don't Use Marijuana



This graph contains data from the 2012 Healthy Youth Survey. It shows that an overwhelming majority of teens are not using marijuana.

<http://www.askhys.net/>

MARIJUANA USE



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MARIJUANA AKA:

Cannabis, Reefer, Dope, Grass, Bud, Pot, Skunk, Super Skunk, Weed, etc.

<http://www.abovetheinfluence.com/facts/drugsmarijuana>

EFFECTS

SHORT-TERM

- Disorientation, panic, anxiety
- Impaired motor skills and concentration
- Sensory distortion, poor coordination
- Lower reaction time, increased heart rate

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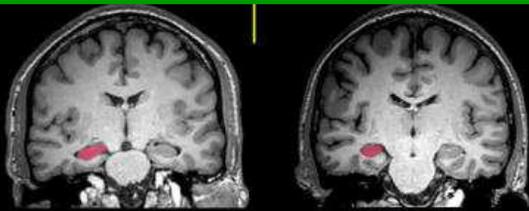
LONG-TERM

- Immune system, growth disorders, reduced male sex hormones, reduced sexual capacity, apathy, drowsiness, lack of motivation
- Respiratory problems, destruction of lungs, daily cough, phlegm production, acute chest illness, greater risk of chest infections
- Heavy cannabis use causes significant damage to parts of the brain that regulate memory and emotion

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<http://www.theage.com.au/national/marijuanas-coup-de-grass-to-memory-20080603-2lcb.html>

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Non-User

Cannabis User

Brain scans reveal shrinkage of the hippocampus and amygdala which regulate memory and emotion.

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WHAT IS I-502?

INITIATIVE 502

In 2012 voters passed I-502 which legalized recreational marijuana use for persons age 21 and over in Washington. I-502 created a system to license and regulate marijuana production, distribution, and possession

<http://wasavp.org/marijuana-education-toolkit/>

CONSUMER RULES

- Must be 21 years old
- Can only possess 1 oz. dried, 16 oz. solid form containing THC (Example: pot brownies), or 72oz. liquid form containing THC (Example: teas)
- Cannot use publicly
- Cannot use and drive
- Sharing is a felony offense (Example: passing a bong) regardless of amount
- Supplying a minor is a felony offense regardless of amount

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VENDOR LAWS

Stores must be 1,000 feet from elementary /secondary schools, playgrounds, recreation center or facility, child care center, public park, public transit center, library or arcade where admission is not restricted to persons 21 and older.

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ADVERTISEMENT LAWS

Law restricts advertising within 1,000 feet of any public place with children around.

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For More On I-502:

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WHAT YOU CAN DO?

WAYS TO SPREAD

PREVENTION....

- Set an example, just say “no” to drugs
- See if your school has a prevention club
- Join a local prevention coalition

NEED HELP?

For confidential counseling and referrals contact:

Your School’s Counselor

Clark County Teen Talk:(360)397-CHAT

Washington Recovery Help Line-24hr/7days:
1-866-789-1511

SAMHSA National Treatment Referral Line-
24hr/7days: 1-800-662-HELP—24hr/7days

Or learn more at:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/alcohol-drug/>

www.abovetheinfluence.com/help/resources

www.addiction411.com/battling-addiction

STASHA

(Stay-Shuh)

STASHA stands for Strong Teens Against Substance Hazards and Abuse. STASHA is a diverse, nonjudgmental group of youth working to prevent substance abuse among their peers across Clark County. STASHA is open to youth looking to make a positive change within their community regardless of past experiences.