

**Parents:  
Tell Your Children About the Dangers of Marijuana Use!  
If you don't, who will???**

**You need to have that conversation early (before age 13 years),  
and often, for greatest affect. Source: CADCA**

**Tell Them . . .**

**Marijuana is addictive.** Research shows that teens are **6 times** more likely to be in treatment for marijuana addiction than for all other illegal drugs combined.

*Source: NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse)*

**Marijuana use negatively affects learning.** A teen who uses is **4 times** more likely to report "D" grades.

*Source: SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration)*

**A teen marijuana user is 2 times** more likely to drop out of school than a non-user.

*Source: NIDA*

**Marijuana use negatively affects the developing teen brain.** Research shows that heavy marijuana use during the teen years can result in lower intelligence and memory problems in adult life.

*Source: NIDA*

**Marijuana is associated with mental health problems.** Research shows a connection between marijuana use, depression, and psychosis. Weekly use of marijuana **DOUBLES** a teen's risk of depression and anxiety. *Source: NIDA*

**Marijuana is MUCH stronger today than it was 15, 20, or more years ago.** THC, the active ingredient in marijuana has **TRIPLED** in the past 20 years, making today's marijuana more potent and addictive.

*Source: The New York Times*

**Important medical organizations recognize that marijuana is not a safe drug and its use endangers our children/teens.** These include the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. *Source: The New York Times*

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