



FACTS FOR TEENS ABOUT MARIJUANA

MYTH: I can't become addicted to marijuana

REALITY: WRONG-One out of every 6 teens (17%) experimenting with marijuana will become dependent (addicted)

MYTH: It is safe to drive high on marijuana

REALITY: Marijuana may kill/injure you and/or your passengers! The chance of involvement in a fatal car crash **DOUBLES** in drivers under the influence of marijuana

MYTH: Marijuana use does not affect my brain

REALITY: Teenage marijuana use increases the probability of developing psychosis even without a family history of schizophrenia. Structural changes in the brain have been found in marijuana users

MYTH: Marijuana use does not affect my school performance

REALITY: Marijuana use harms concentration, attention, memory, learning processes and is associated with increased probability of school dropout

MYTH: As a school athlete it is "no big deal" if I smoke marijuana

REALITY: The probability of suffering concussion increases in athletes who use marijuana

MYTH: Marijuana use has no medical consequences

REALITY: Marijuana use increases the probability of cancer in the male reproductive system (Prostate and testicles)

MYTH: It is safe to smoke medical marijuana compared to street marijuana

REALITY: NOT TRUE. The term medical marijuana is misleading. It has not been tested for safety, use of toxic pesticides, nor approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

IGNORE: Misleading information about the benefits and harmless effects of marijuana use by youth. This false information you find on the internet by pro-marijuana ideologists and dealers can harm you!

MARIJUANA USE MAY LEAD TO HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES FOR YOUNG USERS SMART TEENS MAKE INFORMED AND HEALTHY CHOICES!

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