

WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

# MARIJUANA

## A QUICK GUIDE TO FAST FACTS



**1 IN 6**

teens who use marijuana become addicted. (NIDA)



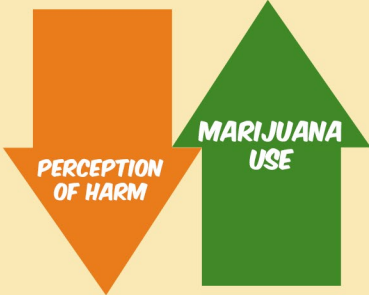
### CHECK THEIR BRAIN

Marijuana affects the developing brain leading to an average of 8 point decrease in IQ in adults who used marijuana as teens. (NIDA)



### 10X THE POTENCY!

Edibles such as cookies and chocolates made from THC concentrates are typically ten times more potent than traditional joints (Poison Control Center)



As perception of harm decreases, teen marijuana use increases. (Monitoring the Future Survey)



### SHORT-TERM MEMORY

Marijuana can cause short-term memory problems which can last for days or weeks. (NIDA)



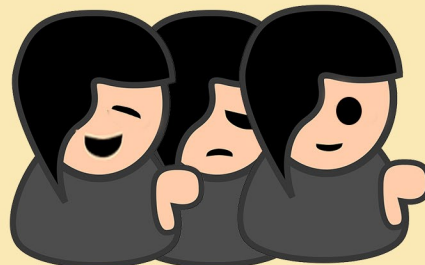
### EASY TO CONCEAL

Marijuana concentrates (Butane Hash Oil) can be odorless and used in vaporizing pens.



### SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

A teen that uses marijuana is much more likely to report failing grades. (SAMHSA)



Marijuana increases the risk of psychosis and is associated with chronic psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia. (NIDA)

### MAKE NO MISTAKE.. IT'S STILL A DANGEROUS DRUG.

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
- The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

For more information on these issues please contact the Michigan Prevention Association Advocacy Committee Chairperson, April Demers at 1-734-637-6485 or [aprildemers@gmail.com](mailto:aprildemers@gmail.com). [www.michiganpreventionassociation.org](http://www.michiganpreventionassociation.org)

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