

Do You Know About Marijuana? Talk With Your Kids About the Facts.

Marijuana: Did You Know?

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Marijuana use may have a wide range of effects, both physical and mental.



Marijuana can cause cognitive and physical issues such as breathing problems; increased heart rate; poor judgment and decision making; and difficulty with attention, concentration, coordination, problem solving, learning, and memory.^{1,2}

Young kids are using marijuana.



Approximately 1.2 million kids ages 12 to 17 used marijuana for the first time in the past year. That is about 3,300 kids a day.³

Marijuana can be addictive.



Nearly one in three people who use marijuana may have some degree of marijuana use disorder.⁴ Nearly one in 10 people who try marijuana also become addicted to it.⁵

Teens have a higher risk than adults of becoming addicted to marijuana.



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¹ Crane N. A., Schuster R. M., Mermelstein R. J., Gonzalez R. (2015). Neuropsychological sex differences associated with age of initiated use among young adult Cannabis users. *J. Clin. Exp. Neuropsychol.*

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⁷ Hall W, Degenhardt L. Adverse health effects of non-medical cannabis use. *Lancet* 2009;374:1383-91.

Start talking with your kids about the facts. For tips on how—and when—to begin the conversation, visit www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov.

