

## **MARIJUANA**

## **Get the Facts**

Marijuana harmfully affects the developing brain. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the chemical responsible for the psychological effects on the brain. THC affects the sections of the brain that involve movement, sensations, vision, memory, coordination, reward and judgment.

It's addictive! 1 in 6 teenagers that use marijuana will become addicted. 1 in 10 adults that use marijuana will become addicted.

30 years ago, THC potency levels in marijuana ranged from 2%-5%. Today, THC potency levels can range from 13%-20%, however when using THC in oil or edible form, THC levels can reach over 80%.

## Here's What You Need to Know

- There is strong evidence that marijuana contributes to mental illnesses such as depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and suicide. Marijuana users are likely to experience temporary psychosis.
- 34.7% of high school students that vape, have vaped THC at least once.



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