

Limit persons under 21 at the 420 Festival



You are working with event organizers for the 420 festival. Please consider requiring an age restriction so that the event is only open to adults 21 years and older.

Some cities conduct bag checks, so I.D. checks could also occur at the entrance.

In years past and other cities, the events have not managed to control open and public consumption including underage use and diversion of marijuana to minors.

Teenagers attend with the intent to use marijuana inside the event grounds. An analysis of attendance records of an urban public school system found a large increase in absentees on April 20th when it falls on a school day.

Sometimes even children in strollers and babies in carriers accompany their parents and are subjected to hazy, smoke-filled air.

The U.S. Surgeon General recently said that no amount of marijuana use is safe for the developing brain of an adolescent. Our children have just one chance to grow up and we must work together to ensure they have every opportunity to thrive.

The city and event coordinators need to do more to show they are committed to supporting the laws and keeping marijuana away from minors. A great place to start would be to restrict the 420 event to those 21 or over.

Please see the attached Tips for Parents, Caregivers and Trusted Adults on How to Keep Kids Away from 420 Festivals.

