

False Messages Regarding Marijuana and the Facts



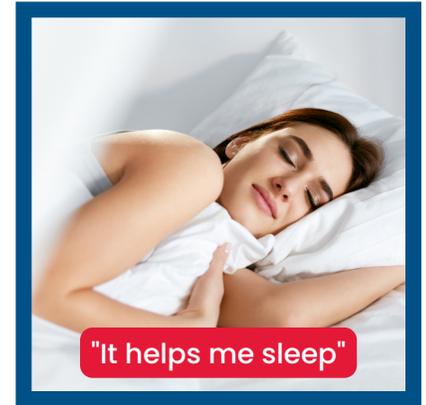
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FACT: Studies show that frequent use of marijuana can cause anxiety and exacerbate other mental health issues. The American Psychiatric Association issued a position statement in opposition to the use of marijuana as medicine, citing the lack of scientific evidence supporting marijuana as medicine for mental health.



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FACT- Today's hybrid flower strains and chemical extraction processes for edibles, oils and waxes have little resemblance to the natural plant.



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FACT: According to the Food and Drug Administration, "drugs not approved by the FDA have not been evaluated as to whether they work, what the proper dosage may be if they do work, how they could interact with other drugs, and whether they have dangerous side effects or other safety concerns."



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FACT: Frequent marijuana use is associated with impaired learning and memory for kids and young adults, up to 28 days after last use. The impairment increases with more frequent marijuana use and is associated with not attaining a college degree.



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FACT: The United States Surgeon General statement is clear: No amount of marijuana use during pregnancy or adolescence is known to be safe. Harms of THC to an unborn child include reduced fetal growth, greater risk of stillbirth, preterm birth, low birth weight, and long-term brain development issues affecting memory, cognition and behavior. (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

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"It's sold as medicine so it must be safe"



FALSE

FACT: Medical marijuana use is not held to the same standard as other medications and has not been approved by the FDA.



"I'm a safer driver when I'm high"

FALSE

FACT: Since recreational marijuana was legalized, the percentage of all Colorado traffic deaths involving drivers who tested positive for marijuana increased from 11% in 2013 to 20% in 2020. More than 5% of high school students admit to having driven under the influence of marijuana. Mixing marijuana and alcohol adds to the crash risk.

"It's safer than alcohol"



FALSE

FACT: Marijuana use can lead to the development of a substance use disorder, a medical illness in which a person is unable to stop using even when use is causing health and social problems in their life. Severe substance use disorders are also known as addiction.

Kids deserve facts,

not

myths.

