

MARIJUANA NEWSLETTER

The latest facts, news, and updates on marijuana. Created by Safe Communities Coalition to keep our community educated and informed.

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THC Potency

Marijuana's rising levels of THC is making the drug more dangerous than ever before.

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Marijuana's Impact on Business and Commerce
June 25th, 2020 - 12:45pm-2:00pm

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What You Should Know About Today's Marijuana

Over the past few decades, levels of THC potency in marijuana products has continued to increase.

In the 1960's the average amount of THC in the marijuana plant was 2-3%. Today, it averages at around 15%. New forms of marijuana, known as marijuana concentrates, can contain as much as 90% THC.

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Marijuana Concentrates Are Making The Drug More Dangerous

Marijuana concentrates can contain as much as 90% THC. They are used to make products such as edibles, 'dabs,' and THC e-liquids. Such high levels cause intensified highs and withdrawal symptoms, including hallucinations, paranoia, stomach pain, anxiety, and sweating. One small "hit" can produce the same effect as that created by smoking 1-2 marijuana cigarettes.

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'Dabbing' teens more likely to keep using cannabis and increase its use

A study conducted by The University Southern California showed that teens who use THC concentrates had nearly six times the likelihood of continuing to use concentrates. They used them approximately nine more days in the past 30 days compared to those who did not use them.

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Two children hospitalized after eating THC candy from a food bank

Two children in Utah were hospitalized after accidentally overdosing on marijuana edibles. The "Medicated Nerds Rope" candy was given to their families as part of a food distribution effort from a church working with the Utah Food Bank. All parties were unaware that it was a THC product. While a marijuana cigarette typically contains 100 milligrams of THC, labels indicated that each piece of candy contains 400 milligrams of THC.

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Doctors see spike in ER visits since legalization of recreational marijuana

Emergency room personnel in Chicago noticed an increase in marijuana related visits in less than a week after Illinois made it legal for recreational use. Users come seeking medical attention for a variety of symptoms including heart palpitations, hallucinations, and psychosis. Doctors said most of these patients are novice users who were unaware that today's marijuana is much more potent than it was in the past.

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Repeated marijuana use can cause severe stomach problems

Repeated marijuana use can cause a gastrointestinal condition known as cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome (CHS). Those with the condition experience repeated cycles of nausea along with episodes of vomiting and screaming, a symptom known as "scromiting." The condition can be brought on by both medical and recreational marijuana use.

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