

**WHEN MARIJUANA IS LEGALIZED, THE RESULTS ARE....  
more deaths, more teen suicides, more crime, more ruined families, more damaged  
health, more auto and workplace accidents...WE SAY NO TO MORE!!**

- 1) **It's dangerous for our youth.** Marijuana use is associated with increased depression, **suicide** and psychosis in children. Marijuana associated suicides in Colorado have more than doubled since legalization in 2013. Dr. Sam Wang, a pediatric ER physician in Colorado, sees an increase in calls to poison control and ER visits for accidental cannabis **poisoning** among children, up 148% between 2012 and 2016. Teen marijuana usage increases dramatically wherever it is legalized. (US Dept of HHS) 1 in 6 teens who try will become addicted (Nat. Institute of Drug Abuse, Dr. Nora Volkow) \*\*Average age of first-time user is 14 (The Addiction Policy Forum Report). They are selling addiction to children for profit.
- 2) **Public Health.** High-potency cannabis describes almost all the cannabis products sold in the US today, the vast majority of which are higher than 15% THC. Potency levels higher than 10% put the user at risk for suicide, psychosis, addiction, and severe vomiting. Pot in the 70's was between 1-2% THC concentrate compared to today's which is around 20%. Cannabis sold as liquids are 65% THC and solids contain 90% THC (AALM). Research shows evidence of even once a month use increasing risk of **heart attack and stroke**. Bloomberg Law, March 4, 2024 "Rescheduling marijuana would be a huge threat to public health." Marijuana harms its users. Data shows weakened immune systems and negative effects on reproductive health. (<https://summitmalibu.com/blog/10-negative-weed-side-effects-of-marijuana-use/>)
- 3) **Increase in Crime.** 50% of men and 30% of women arrested for any crime test positive for marijuana (CASA-Be-hind Bars II Research Project). Homicides in North Dakota increased 32% after legalizing medical marijuana. There is a connection between high crime rates, **violent crime** and drugs including meth, fentanyl, and marijuana. The users and the dealers are carrying guns now. The DEA finds that illicit marijuana markets are increasing in the states that legalize the use, possession, and cultivation of marijuana. \$25 billion was sold legally, while \$75 billion was sold on the illegal market. (rmhidta.org; midwesthidta.org) Legalizing marijuana repeats the damage alcohol and tobacco have wreaked in families and neighborhoods, especially in minority communities.
- 4) **Increase in workplace accidents.** The National Institute on Drug Abuse reported that employees who tested positive for marijuana had **55%** more industrial accidents, **85%** more injuries and **75%** greater absenteeism compared to those who tested negative. Marijuana affects depth perception, reaction time, coordination and other motor skills **putting co-workers at risk**. Other negative effects of marijuana in the workplace are decreased productivity, increased work comp and unemployment claims, high turnover, and lawsuits.
- 5) **Increase in auto accidents.** Since marijuana was legalized in 2013 in Colorado, traffic deaths where drivers tested positive for marijuana increased 138%. For every 1 marijuana-user death, 7 innocent people are killed (pedestrians, bicyclists, passengers, etc.) (National Highway Safety Transportation Administration) In Washington, 21% of drivers in fatal accidents test positive for marijuana.
- 6) **Increase in human trafficking.** "NBC Nightly News" exposed the human trafficking and black-market angle of legalized marijuana. In an exclusive investigation. Jacob Soboroff followed the San Bernadino County Sheriff's Department to a raid of a black-market marijuana farm. To view the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SBgisyg8FY>

