Marijuana may be legal in some places, but that does not mean it is safe.

Common misconceptions exist around the safety of marijuana. While many people think it is harmless, it is actually a dangerous drug that can lead to serious consequences.

Face the facts and help spread the word!

**FACT**

The average concentration of THC in marijuana has increased nearly 4x in the last three decades. There has also been an increase in ER visits involving marijuana. (Partnership to End Addiction)

**FACT**

Marijuana is the drug most frequently found in the blood of drivers involved in, and often responsible for, vehicle crashes. (NIDA)

**FACT**

Marijuana affects timing, movement, and coordination, which can harm athletic performance. (SAMHSA)

**FACT**

Marijuana-use at younger ages is tied to higher rates of addiction. (C.S. Mott Children's Hospital)

**FACT**

Frequent marijuana use among young adults has been linked to depression, anxiety and suicidality (NIDA).

**FACT**

Marijuana use is associated with issues related to memory, learning and academic outcomes. (Power to the Parent)

**FACT**

Marijuana use during pregnancy is associated with lower birth weight and increased risk of abnormal neurological development. (CDC)

**FACT**

Smoke from marijuana irritates the lungs and can cause a chronic cough - effects similar to those from smoking cigarettes. (NIDA)

**FACT**

When used by adolescents, marijuana is linked to issues with brain development including lower IQ scores. (SAMHSA)

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