



Preventing Marijuana Commercialization Public Health & Safety Concerns

- **Mental Health**
 - “Regular marijuana use is associated with an increased risk of anxiety and depression.” (1)
- **School Performance**
 - “Marijuana use impairs critical cognitive function, both during acute intoxication and for days after use.” (2)
- **Addiction**
 - “9 percent of those who experiment with marijuana will become addicted”. (3) “The number goes up to about 1 in 6 among those who start using marijuana as teenagers and to 25 to 50 percent among those who smoke marijuana daily”. (4)
- **Hospitalizations**
 - Legalization of medical and recreational marijuana in Colorado has been associated with an increase in hospitalizations, ER visits, and poison center calls linked with marijuana exposure. (5)
- **Driving**
 - Marijuana use is associated with impaired driving (6), and CO and WA have seen a significant increase in marijuana-related traffic deaths since legalization. (7)
 - In 2016, a survey conducted among Colorado adults (18+ years) reported 57% of marijuana users self-reported driving within two hours of consuming marijuana. (7)

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