



Marijuana: A Public Safety Issue

WHY A MARIJUANA PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN IS NECESSARY:

There are few federal and state resources for Marijuana, AKA cannabis, public safety campaigns. Now that the retail use of marijuana has been legalized, it needs to have similar resources in regard to public safety applied as alcohol, nicotine, opioids, etc. It is now our duty to ensure that individuals know the harms associated with marijuana use.

According to the 2022 Missouri Student Survey, among 6th-12th graders, 7.5% of participants reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.



LEGALIZATION OF THE RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA WAS ASSOCIATED WITH A 6.5% INCREASE IN INJURY CRASH RATES AND A 2.3% INCREASE IN FATAL CRASH RATES

Source: *PubMed National Library of Medicine*



MARIJUANA USE CAN HAVE NEGATIVE AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Marijuana use can negatively impact brain health, mental health, driving, and more.

Marijuana use can also lead to addiction. Research shows that 1-in-6 people who start using before the age of 18 can become addicted. Data also shows that 1-in-10 adults who use the drug can become addicted.

Source: samhsa.gov/marijuana



LACK OF AWARENESS WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE SOCIAL NORMALCY.

As society continues to normalize the use of marijuana without knowing the harms, youth's risk of using the substance before legal age increases. The 2022 Missouri Student Survey shows that 39.1% of Missouri Youth feel that there is "no risk" or only a "slight risk" of harm if they smoke marijuana once or twice per week.

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