

# CLEAR THE SMOKE ABOUT MARIJUANA

Weed  
today is not  
the same as  
'70s weed.

Marijuana is  
addictive.

"Medical"  
weed is NOT  
safer than  
street weed.

Marijuana  
can affect your  
IQ.

Marijuana is  
harmful.

Parents CAN  
keep kids from  
trying drugs.



- Marijuana impairs memory, judgment, coordination, and balance.<sup>1</sup>
- There is no such thing as "medical-grade marijuana." The marijuana sold as "medicine" in dispensaries is the same as marijuana sold on the street and carries the same health risks.<sup>1</sup>
- THC concentration averaged 12.3% in 2012, compared to an average of 3% in the 1970s and 1980s.<sup>2</sup>
- 1 in 11 adults who use marijuana will become addicted, and 1 in 6 youth who use marijuana will become addicted.<sup>1</sup>
- Youth who use marijuana, on average, can lose 8 IQ points.<sup>1</sup>
- Teens that have good relationships with their parents are 2 times less likely to use alcohol and 3 to 4 times less likely to use marijuana.<sup>3</sup>



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1 National Institute on Drug Abuse

2 University of Mississippi's Potency Monitoring Program

3 National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University