

# TEEN MARIJUANA USE: FACTS FOR TEMPE PARENTS

ACCORDING TO THE 2016  
ARIZONA YOUTH SURVEY:

- **Nearly one in five** Tempe teens have used marijuana in the past 30 days
- **25%** of Tempe teens have **tried marijuana**
- **72%** of Tempe teens who used marijuana **got it from a friend**
- Over **71%** of all Tempe teens **see no risk or a slight risk** to trying marijuana
- **65%** of Tempe 12th graders **see no risk or a slight risk** to using marijuana **on a regular basis**
- **Nearly 79%** of teens in Tempe **know their parents would disapprove** of them using marijuana
- **Marijuana potency has steadily increased over the past few decades**, so the consequences of marijuana use could be worse than in the past, especially among young people whose brains are still developing.



SO MARIJUANA WON'T BE ONE OF THEM

# RESEARCH ABOUT TEENAGERS USING MARIJUANA SHOWS:

- Marijuana's **negative effects on attention, memory, and learning** can last for days or weeks after the acute effects of the drug wear off.
- Students who smoke marijuana have **poorer educational outcomes** than their nonsmoking peers, including reduced chances of graduating.
- Teenage marijuana smoking indicates a much higher chance of developing dependence on the drug, **using other drugs, attempting suicide and a higher risk for schizophrenia, depression and anxiety.**
- There are links between heavy marijuana use and **lower income, greater welfare dependence, unemployment, criminal behavior and lower life satisfaction.**
- People who begin using marijuana before the age of 18 are **four to seven times more likely to develop a marijuana use disorder than adults.**

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