

Drunk driving
is **different**
than driving
high.

Driving after
marijuana
use is
dangerous.

TWO TRUTHS

Alcohol and marijuana impact the body differently and therefore impact driving differently. The bottom line is if you feel different, you drive different. And in the case of marijuana, sometimes people drive differently even when they don't feel high.

Reasons why it's illegal to drive after marijuana use:



Marijuana use decreases peripheral vision & impairs judgment of distance



Effects on drivers include increased lane weaving & slowed reaction time



After alcohol, marijuana is the drug use most often by drivers in crashes

To stay safe, pledge never to ride with someone who used marijuana.

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Not **everyone** who uses marijuana gets addicted. Marijuana **is** addictive.

TWO TRUTHS

While marijuana may not be as addictive as other drugs, there are people who can't stop using it even though it interferes with their life.

What you want to know about marijuana and addiction:

- All major scientific & medical organizations agree marijuana is addictive
- Teens are most at risk for addiction because their brains are still developing
- The more potent a drug, the greater the chance of addiction

To stay in control & increase your chances of success, choose to be drug-free.

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Marijuana is a **natural** plant. Marijuana contains **unsafe** toxins & chemicals.

TWO TRUTHS

"Natural" may sound healthy, but tobacco and poison ivy are natural plants too. Besides, marijuana isn't so natural anymore. Crossbreeding and genetic modification are used to make bigger, more potent plants.

What you want to know about medicines and addiction:

All forms of marijuana can be harmful:

- Marijuana smoke contains 33 chemicals proven to cause cancer
- THC vape oils are linked to chemical burns inside people's lungs
- Edibles & inhalable marijuana can cause symptoms of psychosis

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People over 21 can buy retail marijuana in **Illinois**. Marijuana is against **federal** law.

TWO TRUTHS

Yes, it's confusing, but government doesn't always make sense. The case is - if they wanted, the federal government could crack down on marijuana even in states where it's been legalized.

What you need to know about Illinois law:

- 21+** You must be 21 to buy, use or possess marijuana
- Marijuana can't be used in public
- No one may give, share or sell marijuana they bought with anyone else
- Marijuana can't be used in close physical proximity to anyone under 21
- Driving under the influence remains illegal
- Only people with a state-issued registry card can grow marijuana

To keep yourself, your friends and family safe, avoid marijuana.

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Young people in **movies** & on TV use marijuana. Most teens **don't** use marijuana.

TWO TRUTHS

Even though marijuana shows up more and more online, in TV, movies & music, this is not real life. While many people are influenced by what they see in the media, most teens still choose to be drug-free.

Surveys across the nation show most teens don't use marijuana:

- 75.8% of DHS & HPHS students do not use marijuana
- 81.5% of Illinois high school students do not use marijuana
- 80.6% of teens across the nation do not use marijuana

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