

# Marijuana: Know the Facts

(Eberstein)

Marijuana is legal so it must be safe, right? **NO!** Even though marijuana is now legal for persons 21 and over, youth are particularly susceptible to marijuana's harmful effects – specifically in areas of the brain involved with working memory, verbal learning and attention. And just because marijuana is now available for personal use, local school policies related to marijuana have NOT changed.

Below are recent San Diego County specific data points. For additional information and resources please visit: [mpisdcounty.net](http://mpisdcounty.net)

## Nearly 1 in 5 San Diego County 11th Graders Reported using Marijuana in the Past 30 Days

Among non-traditional/continuation school students, the percentage is higher at 39%



## Youth Perceptions of Harm Related to Marijuana Have Been Decreasing in Recent Years

This is important, as decreased perceptions of harm are linked to increased use



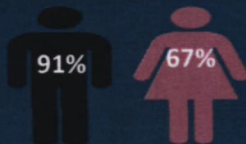
### Marijuana's Increased Potency

THC levels – the levels of the psychoactive chemical found in cannabis, **have increased significantly during the last 20 years.**

Using marijuana today can lead to greater consequences for youth and young adults related to public health, safety, and educational outcomes.

## Marijuana is Identified as the Primary Drug of Choice Among Youth Admitted to County Treatment Facilities

Among 12-15 year olds, 91% of males & 67% of females reported marijuana as their primary drug of choice



## The Number of Drivers Treated for Motor Vehicle Injuries, who Tested Positive for Marijuana, increased 60% Since 2010

This trend is also true statewide

