

All cannabis must be kept away from all children, unless a physician has recommended and properly certified use for that child.



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The professional staff at PDI Medical provides medical marijuana counseling and products to individuals living in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs

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Children and Adolescents and Cannabis

The use of cannabis among adolescents is associated with poorer educational outcomes and occupational attainment.

Cannabis may increase the risk of developing mental illness in children within these age groups.



Precautions need to be taken with children present in the Household

Cannabis is the most commonly used illicit substance among youth. "It's time to clear the smoke"¹

- Cannabis is a prominent political, health, and law enforcement issue in North America
- As we watch the effects of the legalization of cannabis in Colorado, Washington, Alaska, Oregon, and the District of Columbia, other jurisdictions are debating the future of this illicit drug.
- Should it remain criminalized or should decriminalization be examined by lawmakers?
- How can we prevent commercialization promoting increased rates of use within a legalization model?
- Where does marijuana for medical purposes fit into the picture, if at all?

This concern is even more pressing when it comes to the cognitive, physical, and mental health harms to adolescents who use cannabis.

1. AJ Porath-Waller, et al., Young Brains on Cannabis: It's time to clear the smoke. Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics Vol 97 #6 June 2015.

Keep all medical Cannabis secure:

- ❖ Do not remove the label from the container
- ❖ Store all medical cannabis in the original tamper-evident container
- ❖ Consider using a third-party medical cannabis storage product
- ❖ Store all medical cannabis containers in a secure area, away from children

If you learn or even suspect that a child or adolescent has consumed any cannabis contact:

Illinois Poison Control
or
Call 911 immediately!



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Possible Adverse Effects

Long-term consequences¹

- Heavy cannabis use could lead to psychosis in adult years
- Use could be linked to short-term cognitive functioning
- Impaired school performance
- Reduced IQ

Short-term consequences¹

- Impaired cognitive and motor function
- Coordination and balance

It is critical we ask these questions because adolescence is a time of rapid development that helps lay the foundation for success later in life.

- Conversely, it can also set the stage for experiencing challenges in adulthood, as youth are disproportionately more likely than adults to experience greater harms from drug use.
- More specifically, youth represent a high-risk group for experiencing cannabis-related harms.
- Their brains are undergoing rapid and extensive development that can be negatively affected by cannabis use.
- There is certainly cause for concern about the amount and frequency of cannabis use among youth.

Always communicate with your Physician

Always seek the advice of your physician or qualified healthcare provider before starting any new treatment or discontinuing an existing treatment with medical cannabis.