

Telling the Truth about Marijuana . . .

Many teens come to ASAP wanting to argue that marijuana is not harmful, and actually somehow magically "good for them." Of course, we know that it only makes them FEEL good, as one of the psychoactive properties of marijuana on the brain is the production of an artificial feeling of euphoria. Tell the truth about marijuana: Tell us in your own words, and in your own experience, whether marijuana is harmful, and whether it plays a role in the later use of additional drugs.

When you say many teens have come through ASAP saying that marijuana is not harmful, good for them. A cure. I personally used to be one of these people. I used to have the false impression that by taking this drug I would be happier and everything in my life would be "cured". But that is what it is a drug, a temporary fix. Also you ask me whether I think marijuana is harmful and I most certainly do. I started smoking weed when I was about 14 years old and started heavily using at 16 years old. At first it was just a "once in a while" thing like at parties, with friends, holidays. But then the where once in a while turned to once a month

Once a week to when I started using at least a day if not more. In the long run I have been through so much because of my bad choice of starting to use drugs. When people say it's not harmful I think that is comical to me because the drug may have been a fix at the time and "Fun" but more bad has come from it than good. Example: Losing trust with parents, mentally not being able to actually deal with problems properly. Having terrible things happen to me that if I were sober I know I would have been able to prevent. So to anyone saying marijuana is not harmful look at all the people doing hard drugs. I bet if you asked anyone of them what the first drug they tried was I bet every single one of them would say weed. I believe it's a gateway to more harmful and life shattering drugs.

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My time at ASAP has taught me a lot. This being my second time here, I have learned even more. I have heard and listened to many people's stories. Many of them have started out the same being, the first drug they tried was Marijuana. Most of them have said "it's just weed" or "it's not a hard drug". My first time around I too said the same thing. I told everyone that because my family was doing it, it was okay for me too. Boy was I wrong. I have learned that Marijuana is just as bad as the rest of the drugs. Marijuana is just a gateway for other drugs. I learned this the hard way. I went from smoking every other day, to drinking every day, to then using Cocaine. This all started from something I thought was harmless. ASAP has taught me that the weed smoked today is up to 90% THC. They also said it was not the same as it was in the 70s and 80s. I know one paper is not going to change your mind but let me say, Do your research. If your not caught in time, Marijuana is just a start to a tragic end.

The End.

3 Marijuana is ^{or others} a very harmful drug that many teens see as something fun. The reality is, it's not fun. It's dangerous. When I first started using it, I thought it was fun and exciting. It wasn't until I had a ~~to~~ horrible reaction that I saw straight through those rose-colored glasses. Not only are the levels of THC in marijuana now at an all time high ~~and~~ leading to major bad effects, but it's also a gateway drug. When marijuana isn't enough, people go looking for something new. This can lead to the use of harder drugs with even more consequences.

Marijuana itself leads to many consequences to your body and your life. It's hard to stop but if you stop ~~now~~ now, you can lower the chances of long-term consequences to your body and your life.

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