Marijuana and Your Teenager

Teens are More At-Risk for Marijuana Use



Students who try marijuana typically start as early as eighth grade¹



Less than 20 percent
of high school seniors think
trying marijuana puts people at great risk1



Three out of four high school seniors don't think *regular* marijuana use puts people at great risk¹

SIGNS YOUR TEEN MIGHT BE USING MARIJUANA²



Grades go down



➡ Skipping class



Lower interest in hobbies or activities



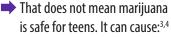
Changes in relationships, both friends and family



Stealing money or items from home

MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS NOW LEGAL IN ARKANSAS







Decreased mental sharpness



□ Increased respiratory infections



□ Increased risk of lung cancer



□ Dependence

Parents Need to Take Action

- Talk with your children early
- Explain that medical marijuana doesn't mean marijuana is safe
- Be involved in your teen's life
- ➡ Know what your teen is doing
- Call 1-800-662-HELP if your teen has started using marijuana

For more information, visit preventionworksar.org

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