

IN THE KNOW:

# Marijuana

As attitudes toward **marijuana** become more favorable, the more the harmful consequences of this drug are overlooked.

There are over **18 million Americans** who currently use marijuana and it is the **second leading substance** for which people seek treatment. So, even though some states have legal medical or recreational marijuana, that doesn't make it a safe substance.

## How It Affects the Body



### EYES

Irritated eyes  
Trouble focusing



### MOUTH

Dry mouth  
Dry throat  
Tooth decay  
Mouth cancer



### BRAIN

Apathy  
Memory problems  
Difficulty concentrating  
Impaired brain development  
Impaired coordination  
Low energy and motivation  
Impaired judgement



### LUNGS

Wheezing  
Bronchitis  
Asthma  
Respiratory Infections  
Shortness of Breath



### HEART

Heart attack  
Heart disease  
Accelerated heartbeat  
Lower blood pressure  
Increased bleeding



### STOMACH

Stinging throat  
Increased appetite



### REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

**For Men:**  
Testicular Cancer  
Lower Sperm Count  
Damaged Sperm

**For Women:**  
Disrupted Menstrual Cycles  
Lowered Fertility



### BONES + BLOOD

Lowered Muscle Growth  
Immune System Suppression

**SMOKING MARIJUANA WHILE PREGNANT RAISES THE RISK OF:**  
Premature Birth  
Low Birth Weight  
Birth Defects



# Marijuana - Refuse to Use!