

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



### BRAIN

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



### EYES

- Irritated eyes
- Trouble focusing



### MOUTH

- Dry mouth
- Dry throat
- Tooth decay
- Mouth cancer



### HEART

- Heart attack
- Heart disease
- Accelerated heartbeat
- Lower blood pressure
- Increased bleeding



### LUNGS

- Wheezing
- Bronchitis
- Asthma
- Respiratory Infections
- Shortness of Breath



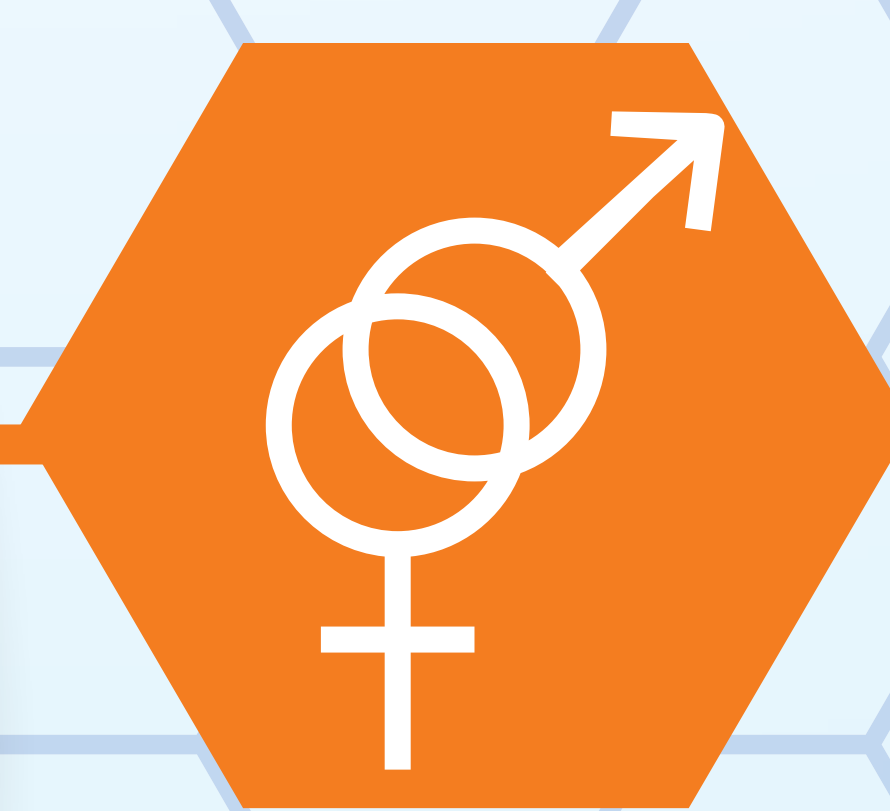
### STOMACH

- Stinging throat
- Increased appetite



### BONES+BLOOD

- Lowered Muscle Growth
- Immune System Suppression



### REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

#### For Men:

- Testicular Cancer
- Lower Sperm Count
- Damaged Sperm

#### For Women:

- Disrupted Menstrual Cycles
- Lowered Fertility

**SMOKING MARIJUANA WHILE PREGNANT RAISES THE RISK OF:**

- Premature Birth
- Low Birth Weight
- Birth Defects



# Marijuana - Refuse to Use!