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## Marijuana Impairs Driving and Pro-Marijuana Tweets influence Teens



### Does Marijuana User = Unsafe Driver?

Since medical marijuana sales were approved in Washington, Hawaii and California there has been a **6.6 percent increase in the number of drivers killed in a car crash with the substance in their system.**

One article in Clinical Chemistry has reported that **THC (the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana) in the blood leads to significantly impaired driving.**

This particular study also **measured the effects on driving when a person used both alcohol and marijuana. That combination led to a 20 percent increase in reckless driving behaviors.**

When the door opened for medical marijuana use, more drivers died on the highways. As states open that door further to allow recreational use, most experts expect to see the number of traffic fatalities increase correspondingly. [Read more:](#)

### Many Teens May Get Several Pro-Marijuana Tweets a Day

*Twitter might be influencing young people's opinion of the drug, study suggests*

The findings are concerning because **young people may be especially receptive to social media influences, and a person's drug use patterns tend to be established in the late teens and early 20s,** the study authors noted.

The researchers noted that **in 2011, marijuana use contributed to more than 455,000 emergency room visits, with 13 percent of those for patients aged 12 to 17.**

During the study period, the account posted a total of 2,285 tweets, or **an average of 11 tweets a day,** according to the researchers. [Read more:](#)

## FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Contact your State Representative and State Senator and ask them to OPPOSE the legalization of marijuana and the expansion of medical marijuana.
2. PRAY
3. FORWARD to 10 others.

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