

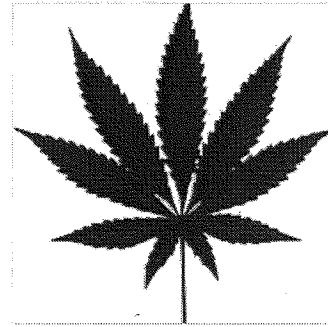


# ILCAAAP

Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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## **Marijuana Action Alert**



### **Marijuana legalization is a risk not worth taking**

If I told you I'm selling a lottery ticket where you have a chance of winning and must accept 1) a benefit that will last a few hours, 2) a permanently malfunctioning brain, 3) lifelong addiction or 4) -- the PowerBall --psychosis, would you play?

As a society, we will not make money -- we will likely lose money, just as we do with tobacco and alcohol. Is a momentary high so important that people are willing to take on such risks? The stakes, in this case, are our children. Let's not turn them into guinea pigs. [Read more:](#)

### **Where Americans smoke marijuana the most**

State-level statistics from the

latest National Survey on Drug Use and Health show 18- to 25-year-olds use marijuana the most. But usage rates drop off considerably for people age 26 and older: Only 5 percent of Americans in that age group smoke marijuana regularly. **In Illinois 20.27% of 18-25 year olds used marijuana.** [Click here to view](#) the national chart on marijuana use by age group and state.

### **New bill (HB 6270) creates the Marijuana Legalization Task Force**

A bill was introduced to develop legislation for the legalization of recreational marijuana in Illinois. [Read more:](#)

### **Marijuana isn't necessarily safe to treat what ails us**

Careless use of marijuana can actually make things worse for patients. [Read more:](#)

### **Colorado tightening edible pot rules**

Accidentally overdosing on marijuana-infused candies, cookies and brownies may get harder under new rules being considered in Colorado. However, **the rules only apply to recreational, not medical marijuana products.**

Edibles manufacturers understand that some people have been consuming far more marijuana than they intend, especially **tourists, who are buying up to 90 percent of the recreational marijuana in Colorado's ski towns**, according to a state study. **Medical marijuana users, who tend to be more experienced users, prefer a high-dose product**, reported USA Today. [Read more:](#)

## FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Ask the Legislative Candidates in your District to OPPOSE the Legalization of marijuana.

Share these [talking points](#) with Aldermen/Trustees and County Board members and ask them to OPPOSE marijuana dispensaries and/or cultivation centers in your town/city.

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