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## **IMPORTANT - Medical Marijuana**



### **Provision in Congressional spending bill ends federal government ban on medical marijuana**

Under the provision, states where medical pot is legal would no longer need to worry about federal drug agents raiding retail operations. Agents would be prohibited from doing so. The marijuana measure, which forbids the federal government from using any of its resources to impede state medical marijuana laws, was previously rejected half a dozen times. "Now the fight moves on to legalization of all marijuana." [Read More](#)

### **NIH School Survey: More students in medical marijuana states have used edible marijuana versus non-medical marijuana states**

The nation's annual school survey of drug use, Monitoring the Future (MTF), shows marijuana use stubbornly high and significantly higher than in 2008 and 2012. It also shows, for the first time, that significantly more youth living in a medical marijuana state versus a non-medical marijuana state had used a marijuana edible in the last year (40% versus 26%). While yearly reductions were found for prescription drug abuse, alcohol, and tobacco versus 2013, marijuana use was stable versus 2013. It also found that in 2014 fewer high school seniors think occasional marijuana use is risky versus 2013 (16.4% versus 19.5%). Forty years of research has found that lower risk perception often predicts increases in use. [Read more](#)

### **Editorial: Unregulated medical-marijuana market is creating a hazy future**

A painstakingly slow launch of recreational marijuana stores, with their sky-high prices and scarcity in Seattle, gets most headlines. But the truth is that experiment is utterly undermined by a much larger, wildly unregulated medical-marijuana market. Medical-marijuana dispensaries appear to outnumber Starbucks stores in Seattle, yet local regulators and law-enforcement agencies are doing almost nothing to police bad actors hiding behind the ubiquitous green crosses. [Read more](#)

### **Colorado Doctor Faces Prison Over Medical Pot Registry Cards**

Dr. Lenny Sujdak admitted to the state he gave out thousands of prescriptions without even giving examinations. [Read more](#)

### **Students give teacher pot-laced brownie**

A teacher at Broadneck High School unknowingly ate a brownie laced with marijuana that a 17 year old student had given her. Another staff member noticed that the teacher was acting differently and accompanied her to the school nurse. The incident did not occur during a class period. [Read more](#)

### **Pot's unsafe side effects, especially in youth, should keep it illegal**

The argument for economic benefits is often used for convincing the public to accept a host of evils, such as casinos, and it's been used to justify strip clubs. What really galls me are the half-lies, deception and outright untruths that advocates use to lull people into acceptance of a dangerous drug in our state, such as the idea that marijuana is safer than alcohol or the theme of "responsible use." Pot is not safer than alcohol. Recent peer-reviewed scientific research shows clearly that marijuana affects the brain, especially in young people, causing a decrease in memory, reaction time, motivation and creativity; that marijuana is addictive to one out of six users, and that it's even been shown to reduce IQ by a measurable amount among regular users.

... According to a study, the average medical marijuana user in California is a 32-year-old white male with a history of alcohol and substance abuse and no history of life-threatening illnesses. Eighty-eight percent of these "patients" have tried marijuana before age 18. Another red herring that advocates are using to push their legalization agenda is that countless people are languishing in prison for pot busts. Not true. In fact, only 0.1 percent of all state prisoners with no prior arrests are behind bars for marijuana possession. Marijuana is addictive and harmful to brain development, and current trends showing increased use among adolescents are profoundly troubling. We need the creativity of our youth and must guard their futures. [Read more](#)

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