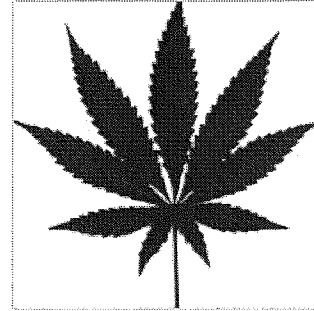




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Marijuana Update & Alert



Veteran asks court to reverse state decision on adding PTSD

An Illinois veteran is asking a judge to reverse a state decision against adding post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of diseases eligible for medical marijuana. Illinois law already lists 39 conditions and diseases that can qualify a person to use medical marijuana with a doctor's recommendation. [Read more](#)

Can we please stop pretending marijuana is harmless?

The truth is it can indeed mean trouble, especially for young people. Dr. Sushrut Jangi writes, "We must be cautious when societal shifts can affect health, especially among our most vulnerable populations. [Read more](#)

Colorado educators concerned about pot in public schools

School officials and educators attending a Safe Schools Summit in Denver learned about what authorities are calling the No. 1 issue Colorado schools face: marijuana.

"We got sold that marijuana legalization was going to positively impact our schools," said Christine Harms, director of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center. "And there is the school infrastructure aspect, but we're not seeing tremendous changes with marijuana prevention programs, and our students are paying the price."

... "At first, I thought it was similar to alcohol and that the kids would do it anyway and all that," Whitmore said. **"But it's like they're disguising alcohol as Kool-Aid and marketing it to kids. These edibles are cookies and gummy bears, and they're filled with high amounts of THC."**

... Teachers shared frustrations of complacent parents smoking with their children. "There's a shift in culture," Whitmore said. **"Kids see their parents smoking it and see it marketed everywhere, and they think it's normal and OK for them to do."**

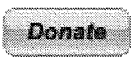
While data on marijuana-related incidents in Colorado public schools remains contested and scarce, many educators said they are seeing the problem escalate. [Read more](#)

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