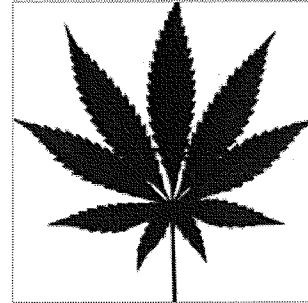




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**Marijuana Update
Please Share with your Legislators**



Naperville North H. S. students became ill after eating pot-laced gummy bears

Two 17 year old boys and a 14 year old girl have been charged with delivery of marijuana in connection with the Dec. 6 incident where 12 students were transported to the hospital, the *Chicago Tribune* reported. [Read more](#)

Contaminated medical marijuana believed to have killed cancer patient

A rare fungal infection has killed a California man undergoing cancer treatment and it's believed he got it from medical marijuana, CBS Los Angeles reports.

The treatment left the man's immune system compromised, but his death still surprised doctors because he was relatively young and his cancer was beatable. He was using medical marijuana to fend off the treatment's effects. After his death, testing of 20 medical marijuana samples from across the state found the vast majority were contaminated with dangerous bacteria and fungi. [Read more](#)

National Academies of Sciences Report Finds Multiple Harms from Marijuana

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS), in a landmark report written by top scientists, *The Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids: Current State of Evidence and Recommendations for Research*, concluded after a review of over 10,000 peer-reviewed academic articles, that **marijuana use is connected to, among other problems:**

- respiratory problems;
- mental health issues (like psychosis, social anxiety, and thoughts of suicide)
- increased risk of car accidents;
- progression to and dependence on other drugs, including studies showing connections to cocaine and heroin use;
- learning, memory, and attention loss (possibly permanent in some cases); and
- low birth weight.

Notably, the report also stated that, **"in states where cannabis use is legal, there is increased risk of unintentional cannabis overdose injuries among children."** [Read more](#)

Study: Second-hand marijuana smoke is THREE times as damaging to the body as ordinary tobacco

The body takes much longer to recover from breathing in cannabis smoke
Regularly inhaling second-hand fumes may cause the arteries to harden
Scientists say their findings will dispel the belief cannabis is harmless [Read more](#)

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