

**Initiative 71**, which went into effect on February 26, 2015, calls for the "Legalization of Possession of Minimal Amounts of Marijuana for Personal Use." However, like other legalized substances such as alcohol and cigarettes, marijuana consumption also carries with it serious health risks. Take a look at what is true and what is false when it comes to cannabis...

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THE TRUTH

Although, some marijuana use may be legal, there are still serious health risks involved, **ESPECIALLY** for children. Risks include:



## The Myths

- Smoking marijuana is better for you than smoking cigarettes.
- You cannot become addicted to marijuana.
- Marijuana use will not affect your performance in school or at work.
- K2 and synthetic marijuana are marijuana and are therefore legal in the District.
- Driving under the influence of marijuana is better than driving drunk.



## The Facts

- Marijuana smoke, like tobacco smoke, contains carcinogens.
- While the percentage is relatively low, it is possible to become dependent on marijuana.
- THC affects the brain in a way that impairs processing and storing new information as well as completing tasks that require focus and concentration.
- Synthetic marijuana is NOT marijuana. Synthetic marijuana and other imposter forms of the drug, such as K2 and Spice, are still illegal in the District.
- Driving while impaired is dangerous no matter what substance is used.

- cancer
- dependence/addiction
- increased anxiety
- panic attacks
- depression
- social withdrawal
- attention problems
- suicidal thoughts

