

The 6Ds of Best Practice for Cannabis Use in Youth

Protect your brain
Be smart about
cannabis use

FOR THOSE UNDER AGE 25, MARIJUANA SLOWS
AND INTERFERES WITH BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

1

Don't Use

Abstaining from use is the best way to prevent adverse effects of cannabis.



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Delay Use

Delay use as long as possible. While the "gold standard" is to wait until age 25, any delay in using cannabis can reduce the potential for harm.



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Decrease Use

Using less and less frequently will reduce the risk of adverse effects.



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Don't Use & Drive

Avoid using prior to driving to lower your chances of a vehicle collision and fatalities.



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Don't Smoke It

Vaporizing cannabis is easier on the lungs than smoking.



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Careful Dosing

When using edibles, remember that the effects are delayed by 30-60 minutes. Edibles are the most common cause of cannabis overdose.



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