

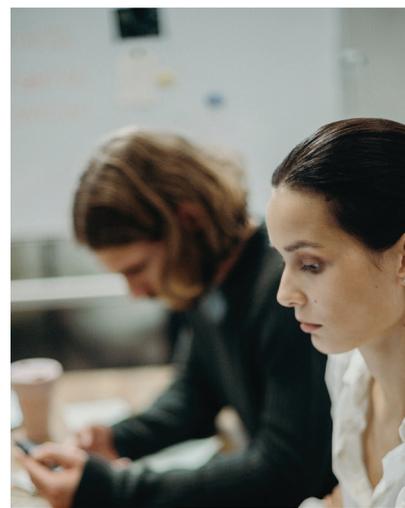


## ILLINOIS MARIJUANA LAW 2020 HELPING TEENS KNOW THE FACTS

Beginning January 1, 2020, recreational marijuana use will be legal in the state of Illinois. Here are some things you need to know.

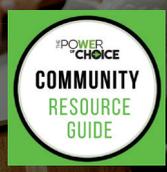
### 5 FACTS ABOUT THE NEW LAW PARENTS AND TEENS SHOULD KNOW

- 1. If you're under 21, it's illegal to use or possess marijuana.** Anyone age 21 and older can legally possess or consume marijuana. It is illegal to give or administer marijuana to anyone under the age of 21, unless they have a valid medical marijuana card.
- 2. You can't drive impaired. Driving high is a DUI.** Driving impaired—drugged driving—is illegal. It doesn't matter what substance you are using or if it is medical marijuana. Driving under the influence of drugs is prosecuted under the same statute as a DUI offense where the driver was intoxicated on alcohol. Do not get into a car with a driver who is impaired, or where there is a question of whether it has "worn off."
- 3. Each community and employer may have different rules.** Individual municipalities and counties cannot ban individual possession but may ban cannabis businesses within their boundaries. Naperville is a community that has opted out of the sale of recreational marijuana. Employers will retain the right to discipline or fire employees violating zero tolerance drug-use policies.
- 4. Where is consumption of marijuana prohibited?** Recreational use of marijuana is prohibited on school grounds, parks, public places like the Riverwalk or on the streets and sidewalks; near anyone under the age of 21; while driving a car or a boat; flying a plane; or by a school bus driver, police, fire or corrections officer while on duty. It can be consumed at home privately, but not on porches or in yards in plain view of others.
- 5. Parent and guardian liability.** It is unlawful for any parent or adult to furnish marijuana to a minor or allow their residence to be used for unlawful possession. If it directly or indirectly results in serious injury or death, violators can be faced with criminal charges.



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### RESOURCES FOR YOU

- Surgeon General
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- National Institute on Drug Abuse

### IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

The Power of Choice is a project of 360 Youth Services, Naperville School District 203, Indian Prairie School District 204, Naperville Police Department, KidsMatter and District 203 and 204 Parents. Survey and data analysis provided by Center for Prevention Research and Development (CPRD) at the University of Illinois.

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## New edition of Youth Connections magazine for parents

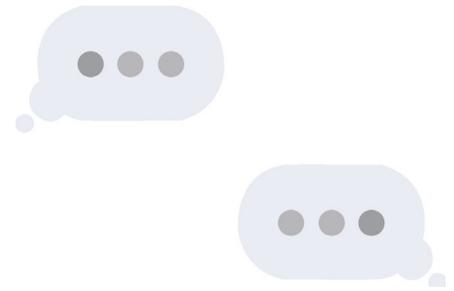
The air is crisp, and fall leaves are dusted by snow. Everything looks picture perfect outside, yet inside raising teens can bring its share of turmoil. Emotions can run high for both the teen and the parent. Parents can prepare with basic survival skills to strengthen and protect the relationship. Click [here](#) to read the latest edition of YC Magazine!

This poster is now up in schools! Did you know that 89% of our local District 203 & 204 high school students reported they had not used marijuana in the last 30 days and 82% had not drank alcohol in the last 30 days? (Source: 2018 Illinois Youth Survey)



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## Keep talking about risk of use

### MARIJUANA'S IMPACT ON THE BRAIN\*

- Repeated marijuana use beginning in teen years increases the risk of substance use disorder.
- Marijuana is linked with lower grades, school failure, and poorer quality of life. Those using it regularly for a long time report decreased overall life satisfaction, poorer mental and physical health, memory and relationship problems, lower salaries and less career success.
- Marijuana use at an early age may increase the risk of psychotic disorders among those at higher genetic risk for mental illness disorders.

\*Sources: National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Did you know that teens whose parents talk with them about not using alcohol, marijuana and other drugs are more likely to avoid them? Teens say that their parents are the most reliable source to get guidance regarding alcohol and other drug use. Keep having conversations, and listen to what your teens have to say.

## THE POWER OF CHOICE

Sharing the risks associated with substance use, such as the academic, sports, family and legal consequences is part of how you make a difference. Parents can share family expectations to help establish clear guidelines and consequences. Teens who refuse alcohol and other drugs when faced with the choice often have an awareness that their parents support their decision.



Members of the Power of Choice team in action at NCHS.