

WARNING

DOCTORS WARN CANNABIS (MARIJUANA) CAN CAUSE SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS

IASIC, the International Academy on the Science and Impact of Cannabis, is a medical organization of doctors who educate on marijuana based on the scientific and medical literature. IASIC is a non-partisan and non-political group created to facilitate informed decisions when considering cannabis policy and law.

It is our conclusion, based on review of the scientific evidence, that public health effects of commercial cannabis on Americans' health are harmful. These growing negative impacts further strain health care and addiction treatment resources to an extent that far surpasses taxation revenues.

EVIDENCE: Thousands of peer reviewed medical articles have been published on the harms of cannabis and marijuana. Reviews of medical benefits of cannabis published in

highly ranked journals reveal only limited benefits for a few conditions, and generally do not consider long term consequences, including:

- **Emergency Department (ED) Visits**
- **Psychosis**
- **Suicide**
- **Brain Development**
- **Neonatal Exposure**
- **Opioid Use**
- **Traffic Fatalities**
- **High Potency, Problematic and Youth Use**
- **Cannabis Hyperemesis Syndrome**

CONCLUSIONS: We recognize that there are many sides to the marijuana debate, and we call attention to the growing science on public health risk. Tobacco was promoted as relatively harmless before nicotine addiction became ubiquitous and the link to lung cancer was proven. The opioid

industry marketed its drugs as non-addictive and safe in the early 1990s, and we are still paying the price. Let's learn from our historical mistakes and not repeat them with marijuana. Drug addiction and death have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. We urgently need smart public health policies that follow the science, prevent addiction, and decrease mental illness including psychosis, depression, and suicide.

IASIC, The International Association on Science and Impact of Cannabis, hopes lawmakers and voters will follow the science and promote public health.

Visit the IASIC Library to view the research on the harms of cannabis use, translated for public understanding.



Doctors Medical Society suggest the following warning label:

Warning: Cannabis THC may cause:

1. Impaired driving
2. Addiction
3. Psychosis
4. Suicide or self harm
5. Uncontrollable vomiting
6. Harm to developing infant/nursing baby



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