



Is marijuana addictive?

Pennsylvania State Representative **Jordan Harris** (D-Philadelphia), a proponent of marijuana commercialization, has claimed that marijuana is "not addictive."

Mainstream science and medical organizations all agree that marijuana has addictive qualities.

- **"Marijuana is addictive.** Research shows that one-in-six people who start using the drug before the age of 18 can become addicted." (One-in-ten adults who use the drug can become addicted.)
- *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*

"Some people who use marijuana will develop **marijuana use disorder**, meaning that they are unable to stop using marijuana even though it's causing health and social problems in their lives."
- *Center for Disease Control*

The cannabis plant **"has addictive properties."**
- *JAMA Psychiatry*

"Recent research has revealed numerous medical harms associated with cannabis use, not the least of which is the likelihood of **developing addiction** related to cannabis use."
- *American Society of Addiction Medicine*

"Marijuana is addictive...marijuana use can lead to the development of problem use, known as a marijuana use disorder, which takes the form of addiction in severe cases."
- *National Institute on Drug Abuse*

"The fact that kids continue to use, even despite an adverse experience or unpleasant experience with marijuana, is really concerning to me. Not only are they having difficult consequences of their use, but they also are finding themselves using more and are unable to control their use. That really is at **the heart of the diagnosis of addiction.**"
- *Terri Randall, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Substance Use Disorder Clinic*

"There is **no question** marijuana is a drug that can produce addiction..."
- *Dr. Dean Drosnes, Medical Director - Caron Treatment Centers*

Marijuana "is an addictive drug." - *American Addiction Centers*