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Darien 12th Graders have used marijuana



*According to the 2021 TYTF/Darien Public Schools
Student Survey of 2,027 7th - 12th graders



Marijuana Isn't Harmless!

IMPACT ON BRAIN: Studies show teen users are more likely to suffer from [anxiety](#), [depression](#) and other [serious mental illnesses](#), and one showed an average loss of 8 IQ points, with early persistent teen use of marijuana.

ADDICTION POTENTIAL: The younger a teen starts using, the more likely they are to become addicted. If age of first use is <15 years old, teens have a [25-50% greater chance of becoming addicted](#).

POTENCY: Today's marijuana has at least [3X the THC content](#) of the 80's! That's the caffeine difference between 1 cup of coffee and 4 ½ espressos! (Pre-filled cartridges can have 99% THC)

HOSPITALIZATIONS: From 2016-2019 the number of CT teens admitted to hospitals for marijuana intoxication [increased by 491%](#). Marijuana can also be laced with all kinds of contaminants, some deadly.

PATTERNS OF USE: Darien students report vaping is the most common way to use marijuana, with edibles and concentrates growing in popularity.



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