

# Marijuana in Massachusetts

## What You Need to Know

- You have to be 21 to buy or use marijuana in Massachusetts.
- Children's brains are not fully developed until their mid-20s.
- Regular marijuana use by teens can affect memory, cause learning problems, and increase risky behavior.



### FACT

People who begin using marijuana before the age of 18 are **4-7x more likely** than other adults to develop a marijuana use disorder.



# Protecting Your Children

You are already talking with your kids about a lot of important topics. Remember to **include marijuana** in those discussions.

Have an **open conversation** with your kids about the risks of marijuana. **Listen carefully** to their questions. **Be respectful** and understanding of the thoughts they share.

**Set specific rules** about marijuana use. Kids are less likely to use marijuana when parents set clear expectations.

Any form of marijuana, including edible products, should be stored in a locked container and kept safely out of the reach of children - and even pets.



## TIP #1

Get the facts about marijuana.

## TIP #2

Start early. Talk often.

## TIP #3

Keep talking. You can have a big influence on whether or not your kids use marijuana.



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