

# National Prevention Week

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## Preventing Illicit Drug Use and Youth Marijuana Use

### Illicit Drug Use

Illicit drugs are those that are illegal to make, sell, or use. They include:

- \*Cocaine
- \*Amphetamines
- \*Heroin
- \*Hallucinogens

Treatment for illicit drug addiction could involve inpatient or outpatient treatment and then maintenance treatment. Often it can be difficult for someone addicted to drugs to stop using them and stay sober without professional help.

### Youth Marijuana Use

#### MOST MARIJUANA USE BEGINS IN ADOLESCENCE



**78%**

of the 2.4 million people who began using in the last year were aged 12 to 20.<sup>1</sup>

#### Did you know?

Marijuana is the most abused illegal substance among youth. By the time they graduate high school, approximately 46% of teens will have tried marijuana at least once.

**EVERY DAY,  
3,287 TEENS  
USE MARIJUANA  
FOR THE  
FIRST TIME<sup>1</sup>**

#### Sources:

<https://www.healthline.com/health/addiction/illicit-drugs>  
<https://youth.gov/youth-topics/substance-abuse>  
[https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/monitoring-future-2018-survey-results?utm\\_source=external&utm\\_medium=api&utm\\_campaign=infographics-api](https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/monitoring-future-2018-survey-results?utm_source=external&utm_medium=api&utm_campaign=infographics-api)  
Informing Prevention (Adolescents) Webinar Series: The Effects of Drug Use such as Marijuana, on Adolescent Brain Development presented by Glen R. Hanson, Ph.D., D.D.S.

For more information on preventing youth marijuana use, please visit:

<https://www.verywellmind.com/how-to-prevent-a-child-from-using-marijuana-63561>