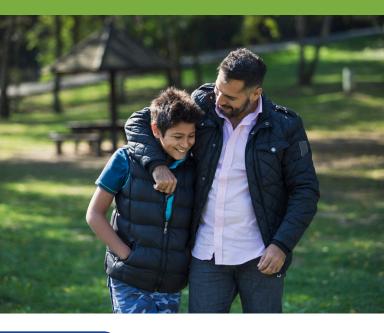
### **Marijuana** in Massachusetts

### 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.







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

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#### **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. MORE ABOUT MARIJUANA

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