

Did You Know?

Marijuana is addictive

- Use can lead to typical signs of dependence including tolerance and withdrawal
- 62% of teens in drug treatment are dependent on marijuana
- 9% of the general population will develop addiction to marijuana

Source: "Marijuana Facts for Teens" National Institute on Drug Abuse (2013).

Marijuana impairs driving ability

- Drivers under the influence of marijuana exhibit impaired motor coordination, decreased reflex time, impaired attention, and impaired tracking ability.

Source: "Marijuana in Wisconsin" Wisconsin State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Committee, Marijuana Ad-hoc Committee (2016).

Marijuana possession has major legal consequences

- First offense is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 6 months
- Second offense is a class I felony punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 3.5 years

Source: "Marijuana in Wisconsin" Wisconsin State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Committee, Marijuana Ad-hoc Committee (2016).

Like tobacco, marijuana is harmful to the lungs

- Marijuana contains many of the same cancer-causing chemicals as tobacco
- Those who smoke marijuana absorb 3 to 5 times more carbon monoxide than tobacco smokers
- Smoking 3 to 4 joints of marijuana is equivalent to smoking 20 tobacco cigarettes

Source: "Marijuana Myths & Facts" Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Teen Use

Marijuana disrupts brain development

- Teens who use early on in life are more likely to have a lower IQ.

Source: "Marijuana Facts for Teens" National Institute on Drug Abuse (2013).

Marijuana use is linked to school failure

- Marijuana use causes negative effects on students' attention, memory, and learning. This can last for days and sometimes weeks – especially if it is used often.
- Compared with teens who do not use, teens that smoke marijuana tend to receive lower grades and are more likely to drop out of school.

Source: "Marijuana Facts for Teens" National Institute on Drug Abuse (2013).

Marijuana use is linked to higher risk for anxiety and mood disorders

- Teens who use marijuana are more likely than teens who do not use to develop an anxiety disorder
- Use can lead to increased panic attacks and depressive symptoms

Source: "Marijuana Facts for Teens" National Institute on Drug Abuse (2013).

What can you do to help?

- Join Marshfield Area Coalition for Youth (MACY) or Healthy People Wood County AOD Prevention Partnership
- Donate to local substance abuse prevention coalitions to support prevention efforts
- Report a crime to Wood County Crime Stoppers tip line:
 - Call 1-877-325-7867
 - Visit www.woodcountycrimestoppers.com
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/WoodCountyCrimeStoppers/

Wood County Human Services

Substance Abuse Services:

- AODA Day Treatment
- AODA Intensive Outpatient Program
- AODA Relapse Prevention Group
- Dual Diagnoses Group
- Comprehensive Community Services Program
- OWI Assessment
- Underage Diversion Group
- Adolescent Outpatient Counseling
- Adolescent AODA Groups

For appointments: 715-387-8646

Crisis Intervention (24/7)

- Marshfield: 715-384-5555
- Wisconsin Rapids: 715-421-2345

For a full list of resources, view Wood County Resource Guide: Mental Health and Substance Use at www.marshfield4youth.org/resources/ or www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Health/

For more information, contact
**Marshfield Clinic Health System
Center for Community Outreach**

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Wood County Health Department

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about Marijuana Use
in Wood County



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Marijuana Facts

What is marijuana?

Marijuana is the most commonly used illegal drug. It comes from the *Cannabis sativa* hemp plant and is typically a green, brown, or gray mixture of the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds. It contains the chemical *delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)*, which causes the user to experience a “high.” Common street or drug culture names include: Blunt, Bud, Chronic, Flower, Ganja, Grass, Hash, Herb, Mary Jane, Pot, Reefer, Roach, Skunk and Weed.

How is marijuana used?

Marijuana is typically smoked in hand-rolled cigarettes (joints) or blunts (emptied cigars), pipes, water pipes (bongs), or inhaled using vaporizers. A highly concentrated THC substance can be extracted from the marijuana plant, which is often called hash/honey oil, wax, or dabs. Marijuana can be mixed with food (edibles), such as brownies, cookies, or candies. These marijuana extracts and edibles can contain extremely high concentrations of THC which can cause dangerous side effects.

Marijuana Seized in Wood County

In 2016, Wood County law enforcement agencies seized **6,713.1** grams of processed marijuana including edibles, and a total of **85** marijuana plants.

Sources: WI ACISS database, Wood County Sheriff’s Department, Grand Rapids, Nekoosa, Pittsville, Port Edwards and Marshfield Police Departments.



2017 Wood County Youth Risk Behavior Survey

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey is a tool used to monitor health risk behaviors among youth in the United States.

Survey Results	Wood County	
	High Schools (grades 10 and 12)	Middle Schools (grade 8)
Number of survey participants	1,309	784
Those who tried marijuana at least once in their life	25.7%	5.6%
Those who tried marijuana for the first time before age 13	4.74%	2.5%
Those who used marijuana in the past 30 days	14.5%	2.9%
Those who feel there is a slight or no risk in smoking marijuana once or twice a week	48.2%	11.7%
Those who think their parents would feel it would be a little bit or not at all wrong for them to smoke marijuana	15.2%	4.2%
Those who think their friends would feel it would be a little bit or not at all wrong or very wrong to smoke marijuana	38.3%	17.3%

Participating Schools

Alexander Middle School, Auburndale Middle and High School, East Junior High, John Edwards Middle and High School, Lincoln High School, Columbus Catholic Middle and High School, Marshfield Middle and High School, Nekoosa High School, Pittsville Elementary and High School, and River Cities High School.

What are synthetic cannabinoids?

Synthetic cannabinoids (also called synthetic marijuana, K2, Spice and fake weed) are man-made mind-altering chemicals that are either sprayed on dried, shredded plant materials so they can be smoked or sold as liquids to be vaporized and inhaled in electronic vaping devices. The drug produces effects that can be unpredictable and, in some cases, severe or life-threatening.

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2015

Marijuana Use

Signs and Symptoms

- Anxiety
- Confusion
- Coughing
- Disorganized thinking
- Drowsiness
- Impaired judgment
- Increased appetite
- Increased risk taking
- Increased sociability and talkativeness
- Intense feelings of extreme happiness
- Paranoia
- Red or glassy eyes
- Reduced coordination
- Short-term memory impairment

What else to watch for

- Red, yellow, green (Rasta colors)
- Marijuana leaf
- 420
- 710 (turned upside down spells “oil”)
- Hidden clothing compartments
- Small baggies that hold marijuana

Paraphernalia

- Bong
- Grinders
- Pipes (glass, etc.)
- Roach clips
- Rolling papers or blunt wraps
- Scales
- Slick (holds THC wax/oil)
- Vape pens, etc.