**Marijuana: Effects on the Body**

It affects everyone in different ways.

**Brain:** impairs...
- short term memory
- learning
- judgment
- coordination
- reaction time
- sensory perception

**Mood:**
- panic/anxiety
- depression
- paranoia
- lack of motivation
- mood swings (aggressive, irritable)

**Lungs:**
- damages airways
- asthma attack
- infections
- emphysema, cancer

**Sexual function:** low sex drive

**Female:**
- irregular periods
- fertility problems

**Pregnancy:**
- less oxygen to baby
- premature birth effects
- THC via placenta, umbilical cord, breast milk

**Heart:** raises...
- blood pressure
- heart rate
- risk of heart attack

**Cancer:**
- Lungs
- head, neck
- testicles

**Male:**
- low testosterone
- low sperm production
- erectile dysfunction
- increased breast growth

**More:**
- weight gain
- lowers immune system
- chronic fatigue

**Methods of Use**

**Marijuana Fast Facts**

**Natural, but not harmless**
- 400+ chemicals, many added; can be laced
- 5x stronger than in 1970s
- 1 joint = 5 cigarettes
  - 4 joints = 1 pk cigarettes
- THC remains in brain for 7 years

**Illegal to sell or buy marijuana in MA**
- Civil offense if carry 1oz or less =$100 fine
- Under 18y/o = mandatory drug awareness program (or $1000 fine)

**Can be addictive**
- Increased tolerance
- Withdrawal symptoms: cravings for drug, trouble sleeping, anxiety, appetite loss

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