

# You Can Limit Drug Traffic in Your Neighborhood

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**The only good thing about the law that legalized high potency marijuana** for recreational use is that counties and towns can opt out of marijuana retail sales. This limits drug traffic by saying “no” to a Schedule 1 Drug that the DEA deems “a high potential for abuse.”

The marijuana of the 60’s and 70’s contained 1-3 mg of THC, the component that makes one high. Today’s marijuana contains 20-25 mg (or more) of THC. The Netherlands considers THC levels of 15 mg or higher a hard drug, on par with cocaine and heroin.

Don’t let proponents deceive you with their “tax revenues” talking points. According to a report published by the Centennial Institute, Colorado Christian University’s think tank, **“for every dollar gained in tax revenue, Coloradans spend approximately \$4.50 to mitigate the effects of legalization.”** The costs of legal pot are not worth the costs to families, communities and lives.

According to a 2017 review from the National Academy of Medicine, cannabis use is likely to increase the risk of developing schizophrenia and other psychoses, and among regular users it is likely to increase the risk for developing social anxiety disorder. We don’t need more mental health issues in our neighborhoods!

According to a 2018 paper published in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, people who used cannabis were almost three times as likely to use opiates three years later.

In the seven years since marijuana was legalized in Colorado, the number of marijuana-related car fatalities has doubled. There have been increased rates in marijuana-related emergency room visits, hospitalizations, increased use in every age category, and higher rates of violent crime.

More than a fourth of Colorado’s middle and high school students use pot daily. Chronic use by those under 25 can lead to a permanent loss of up to 8 IQ points. **Most troubling is the number of suicides in CO with marijuana present in the toxicology report has increased every year since legalization, ages 10-19 being the most affected.**

Instead of putting more drugs on our streets, making Big Marijuana wealthier, and Loves Park a haven for those selling the drug and seeking to purchase the drug, let’s make it a refuge for families seeking to shield their loved ones from this drug’s destructive path.

**Contact** the aldermen and mayor listed below and urge them to **VOTE NO** on recreational marijuana retail businesses.

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