



You may have heard that marijuana is now legal in the District of Columbia. **This is not true.** Be smart and know the facts.

- » Possessing one ounce or less of marijuana is subject to a \$25 ticket and seizure of the marijuana by police.
- » If you refuse to provide your real name and address to police when being given a ticket, you can be arrested.
- » You can be arrested if you smoke or consume marijuana in public, have more than 1 ounce, or sell any amount of marijuana.
- » Driving while under the influence of marijuana is a dangerous crime and will be prosecuted.
- » Under federal law, federal law enforcement officers may arrest anyone in the District for possession of any amount of marijuana.
- » To learn more, please visit **www.mpdc.dc.gov/marijuana**.



You shouldn't use marijuana just because local laws have changed.

- » Some studies indicate that marijuana use may have serious long-term effects, especially when used by children or teens.
- » Marijuana use while pregnant may pose health risks to the fetus.
- » Operating a vehicle or heavy machinery after using marijuana may lead to serious injury and arrest.
- » To find out more about preventing substance abuse, please contact the DC Department of Behavioral Health's Office of Preventative Services at **(202) 727-8857** or online at **dmh.dc.gov/service/prevention-services**.