Fetal Risk
Marijuana use during pregnancy crosses the placental and blood/brain barrier and increases the baby’s susceptibility to:
- Lower birth weight
- Addiction later in life
- Birth defects & cancers
- Problem solving, attention and learning difficulties later in life

Studies show genetic changes in offspring of heavy users.

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Heavy marijuana use is linked to downward social class mobility, anti-social behaviors, and relationship conflict.  

Less than 1% of all state prisoners are in jail for simple possession. 

**Physical Health Impacts**  
**LUNGS:** Smoke from marijuana contains 4-5x the toxins, irritants & carcinogens as tobacco smoke; 20 times more ammonia. Increases likelihood of **HEART ATTACK**  
**IMMUNE SYSTEM** is weakened  
Negatively impacts **REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM**  
**DEATH RATE** 4x higher than non-users. 

**Butane Hash Oil (BHO)**  
- Increases THC potency to 90+% 
- Causes severe “high.”  
- As dangerous to make and consume as meth.  
- Easily causes explosions and fires in neighborhoods where it is cooked.  
- AKA dabs, wax, budder, shatter, and solid THC concentrate.  

**Edibles / Vaping**  
- THC liquid concentrate is used in “Vaping” devices (aka e-cigarettes); creates a cancer-causing aerosol with no smell.  
- Candy, brownies, soda, gummies, etc. containing THC can be very potent; cookies with 1000mg of THC each are available.  
- Vaping and Edibles are favorite ways for youth to ingest marijuana (THC).  
- Neither THC liquid nor solid concentrates (BHO) are overseen by any regulatory body – no quality controls, no limits on potency, or limits on contaminates (pesticides, herbicides).  

**Marijuana is Big Money**  
*but not for the community*  
- One plant can bring $2,000 to $4,000 annually to a grower/distributor.  
- **Black Markets still thrive after legalization.**  
- Tax revenues from pot sales do NOT cover increased crime, health care or addiction services. Revenues are projected to be less than .003% of total CA state tax revenue.  
- Cost of law enforcement increases, not decreases with legalization.  
- CA already has 50,000 illegal cultivation sites that supply 60% of marijuana to the US. 

**Marijuana is NOT Earth-Friendly**  
- 1 plant uses 6 gallons of water per day.  
- Streams diverted to grow sites kill plants & animals downstream.  
- Poisons and illegal fertilizers contaminate streams and forests.  
- Carbofuron is illegal but commonly used at grow sites - 1/8 t can kill a 300 lb. bear. 

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- Pot shop “baristas” who recommend this psychoactive drug make medical conditions worse (e.g. PTSD, pediatric seizures, glaucoma and even pain).  

**Crime**  
- 50% of men and 30% of women arrested for any crime test positive for marijuana.  
- 70% of inmates are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol.  
- Guns and other weapons are common at both large and home cultivation sites.  

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**OPPOSE MARIJUANA USE**  
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American Epilepsy Society  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American M.S. Society  
National Eye Institute  
American Lung Association and others