



SAM Smart Approaches to Marijuana
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 preventing another big tobacco

**Decriminalize.
 Don't Legalize.**

SAM ILLINOIS

A Coalition of Businesses, Healthcare Professionals, Law Enforcement, and Parents to Protect Illinois Communities

SAM Illinois is a coalition of associations and individuals who believe that the health, safety, and economic harms of marijuana legalization far outweigh any perceived benefits. We are medical doctors, employers, treatment providers, drug prevention professionals, business owners, employees, law enforcement officers, and parents who believe that marijuana policies should be aligned with the scientific understanding of marijuana's harms, and that Illinois communities should not be victims of the commercialization and normalization of marijuana.

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TODAY'S MARIJUANA



1995 - 4% THC



2017 - 98% THC

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PUBLIC SAFETY

The percentage of Washington state traffic fatalities where the driver tested positive for recent pot use **more than doubled the year legal pot sales began.**

(AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, 2016)

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HEALTH

Hospitalizations related to marijuana have **increased 70% since legalization in Colorado.**

(Colorado Hospital Assn/Colorado Dept. of Public Safety, 2016)

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YOUTH USE

For 2 years in a row, Colorado has **led the nation among 12- to 17-year-olds** trying marijuana for the first time.

(National Survey of Drug Use and Health, State Estimates, 2015-2016)

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

Colorado's marijuana arrest rate for African Americans (233 per 100,000) was nearly double that of Caucasians (118 per 100,000) in 2017.

(Colorado Department of Public Safety, March 2018).

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