



Working Together for Alcohol and Drug-Free San Marcos Youth



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# Marijuana

today's increased potency = increased harm

Take a **level**  
approach to  
understanding  
the changes



- Today's marijuana is 3 to 10 times **MORE POTENT** than it was **30 years ago** (University of Mississippi's Marijuana Potency Monitoring Project).
- Dr. Nora Volkow, Director of the National Institute of Drug Abuse, warns the increase in today's marijuana potency may "*explain why we've seen a dramatic increase in admission to emergency rooms and treatment programs for marijuana*" (NY Times 1.7.13).
- High potency marijuana wax and oil has risen in popularity. Marijuana wax and oil are made from a dangerous butane gas extraction process and is typically smoked in vaporizers or electronic cigarettes.
- Synthetic marijuana, or "Spice" and "K2," is dried, shredded plant material with sprayed on chemical additives, which creates an intense psychoactive high and can be lethal (NIDA).
- Today's potent marijuana is more addictive and toxic to our youth's developing brains and bodies.