

Marijuana use by adolescents is strongly associated with future high-risk use of other substances including alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal drugs like cocaine, ecstasy, opioids and methamphetamine.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7855765/#:~:text=For%20example,%20twin%20studies%20have>

Cannabis use appears to increase rather than decrease the risk of developing nonmedical prescription opioid use and opioid use disorder

Monitoring Health Concerns Related to Marijuana in Colorado: 2022 Summary. Colorado Department of Health and Environment

Adolescent cannabis use is associated with opioid use in young adulthood with significant positive associations between cannabis use at 14 and opioid use at 19.

Olfson M et al. Cannabis Use and Risk of Prescription Opioid Use Disorder in the United States. *Am J Psychiatry*. 2018 Jan 1;175(1):47-53. doi:10.1176/appi.ajp.2017.17040413

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