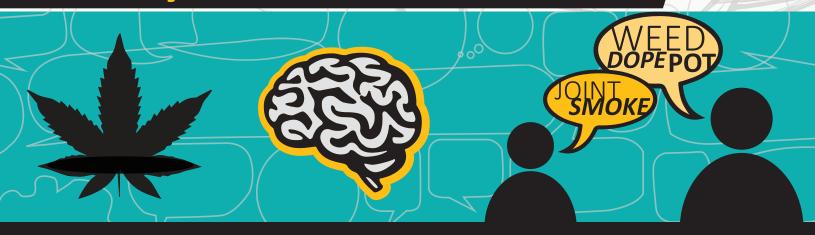
Parents



What you need to know...



ABOUT CANNABIS & SCHOOL

- ❖ Even though cannabis (pot) is going to be legal in Canada, it will still be illegal for children and youth under the age of 19 years old.
- ❖ The School Code of Conduct, followed by students, staff and school visitors, says that the having, using, selling or buying cigarettes, alcohol or cannabis is not allowed on school grounds.
- ❖ The human brain is not fully grown until the age of 25 and research shows that smoking cannabis can affect its growth.
- ❖ Youth who smoke cannabis most days are more likely to have learning and memory problems that can last up to a few weeks and may get worse if they smoke a lot at one time.
- ❖ People with mental health issues or who have others in their family who have mental illness, need to be extra careful with cannabis use, as it can trigger a mental health crisis.
- ❖ Talk to your child and let them know that the choices they make today can affect their their future drug use when they are young may change what they are able to do in the future.
- ❖ If someone in your family chooses to have cannabis in your home, ask them to keep it stored safely out of the reach of children.
- ❖ Please take the time to share this information with your children and visit www.CannabisNWT.ca for information or www.hss.gov.nt.ca for addiction help, or call the NWT Helpline at 1-800-661-0844.

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