



Americans Against Legalizing Marijuana

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CBD IS NOT SAFE AS A MEDICINE UNLESS IT ACQUIRES FDA APPROVAL AFTER RIGOROUS TESTING DEMONSTRATING EFFICACY AND SAFETY.

Cannabidiol (CBD) and Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) come from the cannabis plant. A pure form of CBD (Epidiolex) is approved by the FDA as a medicine for two rare disorders. Other CBD products sold as medicines or food or food supplements that are not approved by the FDA are Black-Market and are illegally trafficked and sold. In addition, CBD cosmetics must be properly labeled under FDA law and not be adulterated by deleterious substances. [1]

Black Market CBD products have not been evaluated by the FDA to determine if they are effective or safe for any medical use, and if safe, what the proper dosage would be. In addition, they are not administered with any federally approved medical protocols as are prescription drugs and there may be no warnings for how they interact with other drugs, or whether they have dangerous side effects.

CBD IS NOT SAFE TO BE PUT INTO FOODS OR FOOD SUPPLEMENTS

Foods are considered adulterated under federal law if they contain CBD or THC. Unless approved by the FDA as a food or food supplement under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA), an adulterated food that has CBD has not proven to be safe and puts consumers at risk and is illegal under federal law. [2]

MULTIPLE STUDIES SHOW BLACK MARKET CBD PRODUCT CONTAMINATION

The FDA has tested the chemical contents of many Black-Market CBD products and many were found to not contain the levels of CBD they claimed to contain. [3] Other studies report that Black Market CBD often contains THC and/or contaminants such as pesticides, heavy metals, bacteria, and fungus. [4] Synthetic CBD users have experienced adverse reactions, including altered mental status, seizures, confusion, loss of consciousness, and hallucinations. [5]

CBD CAUSES PHYSICAL DISEASE AND SAFETY RISKS

The marijuana industry has touted CBD as a “wonder drug.” * They may claim it is perfectly safe and legal and can be used for all that ails you or makes you uncomfortable physically. People are consuming CBD under the misapprehension that it is safe to do so. It is not. CBD has known health risks based on FDA clinical studies in humans and other clinical reports. The known risks include:

1. Hepatocellular Injury (liver injury) - inflammation or damage to cells. Black Market CBD is sold all over the United States without warnings about liver damage. [6]
2. Somnolence and Sedation
3. Suicidal Behavior and Ideation
4. Hypersensitivity Reactions - allergic reactions
5. Negative interaction with anti-epilepsy drugs such as Tegretol, Dilantin, Luminal, Solfoton, Tedral, Primidone (anti-seizure) [7]
6. Interactions with immunosuppressive drugs used in transplants or chemotherapy and with warfarin. [8]

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CBD AND PREGNANCY

The FDA strongly advises that during pregnancy and while breastfeeding you should avoid using CBD or THC. Do not put yourself or your baby at risk by using marijuana products. CBD products may be contaminated with substances that may pose a risk to the fetus or breastfed baby. Contaminants may include pesticides, heavy metals, bacteria, and fungus. Studies in laboratory animals showed male reproductive toxicity, including in the male offspring of CBD-treated pregnant females. The changes seen include decrease in testicular size, inhibition of sperm development, and decreased testosterone. [9]

TAKING CBD CAN BE DANGEROUS WHEN DRIVING

Recent FDA studies show that CBD can cause sleepiness, sedation and that may make operating a motor vehicle or machinery dangerous after consuming CBD products.[10]

DRUG TESTS

CBD may affect drug test results. A truck driver lost his job when he tested positive for THC on a drug test after being told by the manufacturer that a CBD product had no THC. [11]

** The marijuana industry referred below to here are those who illegally, negligently or fraudulently produce, market, or distribute marijuana or CBD*

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