



Marijuana Smoke

Why am I being warned about exposure to marijuana smoke?

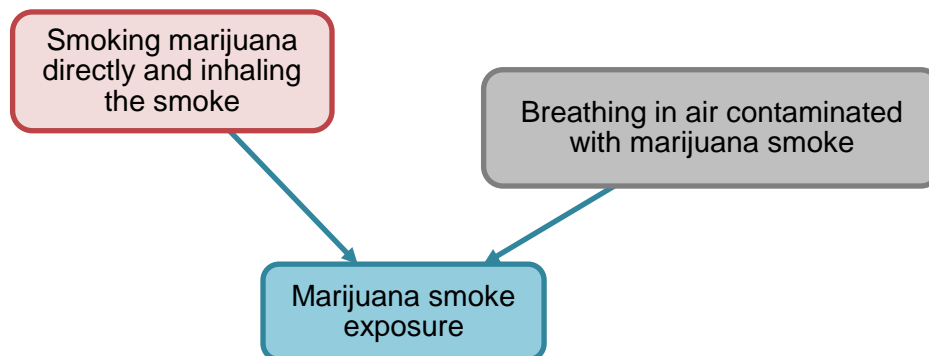


- Marijuana smoke is on the [Proposition 65](#) list because it can cause cancer.
- Exposure to marijuana smoke may increase the risk of cancer.
- Proposition 65 requires businesses to determine if they must provide a warning about exposure to [listed chemicals](#).

What is marijuana smoke?

- Marijuana smoke is formed when the dried leaves, flowers, stems, seeds, and resins of marijuana plants (cannabis) are burned.
- Marijuana smoke contains several thousand different compounds. Many of these compounds cause cancer, and at least 33 of them are also on the Proposition 65 list. These include the carcinogens [arsenic](#), [benzene](#), [cadmium](#), hexavalent chromium, [formaldehyde](#), [lead](#), [mercury](#), and nickel.
- Marijuana smoke contains many of the same chemicals and carcinogens as tobacco smoke. Marijuana may be mixed with tobacco and smoked.

How does exposure to marijuana smoke occur?



- Pregnant women who smoke marijuana or spend time in places where marijuana is smoked can expose their baby to marijuana smoke.

How can I reduce my family's exposure to marijuana smoke?

- ⊗ As with tobacco, avoid smoking marijuana around children and do not allow children to spend time in places where marijuana is being smoked.

For more information:**General Marijuana Smoke Fact Sheets and Resources**

- American Lung Association
 - ▶ Marijuana and Lung Health
<http://www.lung.org/stop-smoking/smoking-facts/marijuana-and-lung-health.html>
- US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
National Institute of Health (NIH)
 - ▶ Marijuana
<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>

Scientific Information on Marijuana Smoke

- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
 - ▶ Evidence on the Carcinogenicity of Marijuana Smoke
<https://oehha.ca.gov/media/downloads/proposition-65/chemicals/finalmjsmokehid.pdf>

Proposition 65

- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
 - ▶ Proposition 65: Background
<https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/faq>
 - ▶ Proposition 65: The Chemical List
<https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/chemicals>