

# What *Really* Are The Consequences?

**Marijuana use by youth had been declining,** but the spread of marijuana as a medicine perpetuated the illusion that the drug isn't harmful and has led to an increase in its use.



**A 2009 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration report** indicates that more people are driving on weekend nights under the influence of marijuana (8.3%) than alcohol (2.2%).



**Substance abuse costs American businesses** approximately \$81 billion annually in lost productivity, absenteeism, poor job performance and accidents.