

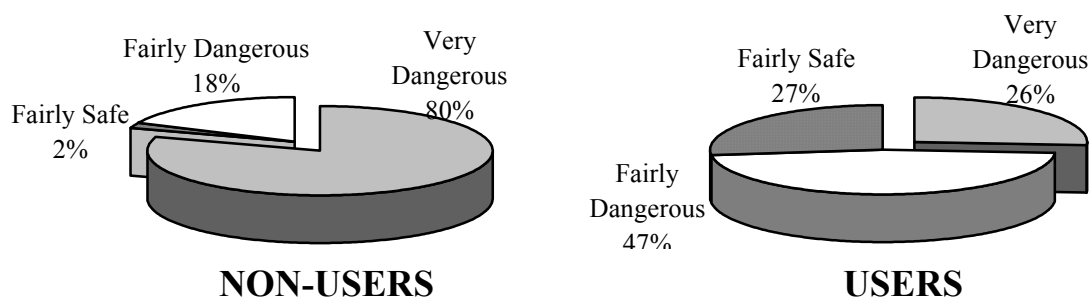
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Youths Who Use Marijuana Are Less Likely To Perceive It As Dangerous

Results from the recently released 1992 Maryland Adolescent Survey (MAS) show that among 8th graders, perceptions of the dangers of marijuana use differ significantly among users and non-users. Eighty percent of non-users perceive marijuana use to be "very dangerous" — only 26% of users think its use is "very dangerous." It is noteworthy that 47% of 8th grade users still feel that use of this drug is "fairly dangerous."

Perceived Risk of Marijuana Use (8th Grade Non-Users vs. Users)



SOURCE: 1992 Maryland Adolescent Drug Survey, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).
A copy of the MAS may be obtained by contacting Debbie Somerville at (410) 333-2680.

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