



# Effective Policies & Programs to Restrict Youth Access & Exposure to Drugs/Alcohol

## Applications for Marijuana

	Policy Recommendations	Colorado State Policies	Additional Local Policy Considerations	Notes
1	<b>Set minimum Age for Purchase, Possession</b>	Constitutionally set age limit at 21.	Local governments cannot make the age limit for legal access higher than 21 since it is set in the state constitution.	
2	<b>Raise Prices for Products</b>	15% excise and 10% sales tax on all retail marijuana.	Strengthen through additional local sales and excise taxes.	
3	<b>Smoke-Free Policies</b>	Added MJ to the Clean Indoor Air Act.	Strengthen definitions to include vaporizers/e-cigarettes. Improve enforcement of policies.	
4	<b>Smoke-Free Housing</b>	Constitution allows property owners to ban use, possession & cultivation.	Support multi-unit and single unit housing policies that prohibit marijuana.	
5	<b>Smoke-Free Parks/ Amusement Parks/ Public Spaces</b>	Ban on open & public use.	Define “public” to support local public health interests, such as preventing smoking clubs. Improve enforcement.	
6	<b>Smoke-Free Cars Laws</b>	MJ considered open container.	Improve enforcement.	
7	<b>Tobacco-Free Schools Laws</b>	MJ added to TFS law.	Update school district policy and strengthen to include vaporizers/e-cigs.	
8	<b>Restricted Access at Home</b>	MJ must be grown in “enclosed” and “locked spaces. Drug felony offense if give or sell to a minor. Banned home extractions with flammable solvents.	Increase education about safe storage. Increase enforcement.	
9	<b>Retailer Education</b>	Responsible Vendor Program.	Encourage local participation.	
10	<b>Require Licensed Retail Outlets To Regulate Sales</b>	State agency regulates point-of-sale	Mandate for local licenses allows opportunities to strengthen point-of-sale restrictions	

11	<b>Retail Density &amp; Set-Backs</b>	None.	Set strong density, set-backs & zoning restrictions in local license.
12	<b>Limit Hours of Sale</b>	8am – Midnight	Local licenses can strengthen limitations on hours of sale.
13	<b>Laws for Minor’s Purchase, Possession Or Use Of The Product</b>	Drug felony offense if give or sell to a minor. ID’s at point-of-sale. MJ added to Minor in Possession laws.	Increase education about sales restrictions. Increase enforcement.
14	<b>Restrict Industry from Advertising or Appealing to Youth</b>	Packaging, tv, radio, event, web, outdoor advertising restrictions, some only if <30% of audience is >21.	Local licensing can restrict signage, merchandising, giveaways, samples, coupons, event sponsorship, etc.
15	<b>Stronger Restrictions On Retailers</b>	Point-of-sale strongly regulated. Includes packaging, warnings, potency limits, and security to prevent anyone under 21 from entering the store.	Increase education. Improve enforcement.
16	<b>Increased Enforcement</b>	State agency enforces point-of-sale rules.	Improve enforcement at the local level.
17	<b>Community Mobilization</b>	Funding for local community prevention.	Collaboration across behavioral health & prevention education.
18	<b>Mobilizing Youth Against the Industry</b>	Not recommended at this time. To be reassessed regularly.	Assess value of partnerships & prevention interest with MJ industry at the local level.
19	<b>Community Education</b>	Funding to implement SAMHSA’s CSAP strategies.	Collaboration across behavioral health & prevention education.
20	<b>Mass Reach Health Communications</b>	Implement social marketing, prevention & education messages.	Integrate and adapt messages for local community priorities.
21	<b>Evaluate Program Effectiveness</b>	Assess impact of policies on youth MJ use.	Assess impact of policies on youth MJ use.
22	<b>Improve Marijuana Surveillance</b>	Analyze trend data on MJ use, impact, social determinants of health.	Analyze trend data on MJ use, impact, social determinants of health.