

# Facts about Marijuana: Changes to Washington Law

Possession and use of marijuana by those under 21 is still considered illegal.

**Any  
amount**

I-502 established that **any positive amount of THC (marijuana)** in the bloodstream is considered grounds for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) for those **under 21**.

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The number of nanograms of THC per milliliter of blood associated with impaired driving and **established by I-502 as the per se limit for DUI** for those **21 and older**.

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The average **number of hours** it takes after smoking marijuana for THC levels to drop below 5 ng/ml level (time could vary based on potency, amount used, method used, sex, and weight). (Grotenhermen et al., 2007)

**21**

The number of days it can take for memory to improve after quitting (average use of 4x/week) – however, attention problems can still linger at this **point**. (Hanson et al. 2010)

If you are struggling academically (or have noticed challenges with memory and attention) and have made the choice to use marijuana, there is a well-established connection between marijuana use and cognitive functioning. Abstinence from marijuana is followed by improvements in these abilities.

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