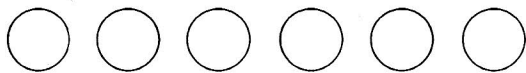


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Marijuana Not Conducive to Workplace Safety, DATIA Says

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The DEA report affirming Schedule 1 Controlled Substance classification of marijuana shows clear evidence that marijuana is a drug causing impairment inconsistent with workplace safety.

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The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration issued a report on Aug. 12, 2016 affirming the Schedule 1 Controlled Substance classification of marijuana after a scientific and medical evaluation in which the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) "concluded that marijuana has a high potential for abuse, has no accepted medical use in the United States, and lacks an acceptable level of safety for use even under medical supervision" (U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration).



As conversations ensue worldwide calling for increasing acceptance of marijuana use, the Drug & Alcohol Testing Industry Association (DATIA) finds clear evidence in the report, issued by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), that marijuana is a drug causing impairment inconsistent with workplace safety.

Studies show that employees who use marijuana have 75% more absenteeism, 55% more industrial accidents and 85% more workplace injuries than other employees. Perhaps the greatest negative impact from drug use overall is the economic loss. The U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) report that drug abuse costs the U.S. economy \$246 billion annually in decreased productivity, turnover, medical costs, increased accidents and absenteeism. In fact, 40% of workplace fatalities are due to substance abuse.

