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BREAKING: New Studies Find Spike in Car Crashes Linked to Legal Marijuana

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**For Immediate Release:
October 18, 2018****Contact: Pat Brogan**
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(703) 462-0530**Breaking News: Study Finds Car Crashes Are Up In
States With Legal Pot**

[Alexandria, VA] - [New data](#) released by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) finds car crashes are up a combined six percent in four states that have legalized marijuana compared with the states surrounding them that haven't legalized. The findings come from two separate studies, which were released today.

Analysts from the IIHS looked for differences for insured drivers, insured vehicles, urban versus rural, weather, etc. between legalized and non-legalized states. The studies include data from the commercialized states of Colorado, Nevada, Oregon and Washington from 2012 through October of 2017.

[Smart Approaches to Marijuana](#) (SAM) President Dr. Kevin Sabet stated, "Drugged driving is quickly becoming an epidemic as Big Marijuana continues to spread its false promises that pot is safe. These studies prove that is not the case. People are paying with their lives, and it's evident the problem isn't going away. It's time to slow this train down and consider the consequences of legalization.

"Studies such as this should shut down any argument from the pot industry lobbyists who claim that legalizing marijuana use is a good idea. We have already seen what the industry does when states legalize. Not only does [drugged driving](#) increase, children are targeted with the use of colorful and harmless looking

pot infused [gummies, candies and sodas](#), pot shops are set up in [low income](#) neighborhoods, and work output plummets from a stoned workforce.

"Our hope is that people open their eyes to this deceptive industry and slam the door on Big Marijuana's hopes of becoming the next Big Tobacco."

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About SAM

[Smart Approaches to Marijuana](#) (SAM) is a 501 c-3, nonpartisan, non-profit alliance of physicians, policy makers, prevention workers, treatment and recovery professionals, scientists, and other concerned citizens opposed to marijuana legalization who want health and scientific evidence to guide marijuana policies. SAM focuses on education and awareness. SAM has affiliates in more than 30 states. For more information about marijuana use and its effects, visit www.learnaboutsam.org.

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