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Parents Opposed to Pot

Bursting the Bubble of Marijuana Hype



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The PopPot Report on Child Deaths Directly Linked to Marijuana Use.

Use of pot creates victims, including children who die from neglect or violence when parents, mothers' boyfriends or caregivers use pot. We have been tracking news reports of child abuse and neglect linked to marijuana since November 2012. The columns show official causes of death related to the caregivers' marijuana use. We found news reports of **113 such deaths in 31 states**; actual number could be much higher. Violent neglect includes marijuana DUI (11), guns (5) and pit bulls. The last column includes infants (9) who died shortly after birth.

| | Domestic Violence | Fires | Drowned | Hot Car | Violent Neglect | THC Exposure/Neglect |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| California | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1** | 2 |
| Colorado | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Florida | 3 | | 5 | 1 | 1 | |
| Indiana | 3 | 2 | | | 3** | |
| Pennsylvania | 4 | 2 | 1 | | | 2* |
| Missouri | 1 | 4 | | | | |
| Oregon | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| Kansas | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Texas | 2 | | | 3 | | |
| Utah | 2 | | | | 1*** | |
| Oklahoma | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Arizona | 2 | | | 1 | | 1* |
| New Jersey | | | 1 | | 2** | 1 |
| Michigan | 1 | | | | | 2* |
| Washington D.C. | 1 | | | | | 1* |
| South Dakota | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Maine | | | 1 | | | |
| Virginia | | | | 1 | 2** | |
| Washington | 1 | | | | 2** | 1 |
| West Virginia | 1 | | | | | 1* |
| Illinois | 1 | | | | 1** | |
| Georgia | | | | | 2*** | |
| Nebraska | | | | | | 1 |
| Vermont | 1 | | | | | 1* |
| New York | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1*** | |
| Kentucky | 1 | | | | 1*** | |
| Ohio | 2 | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | 1 | | | | | |
| Arkansas | 1 | | | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | | | 1* |
| South Carolina | 1 | | | | | |
| Total | 41 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 20 | 16 |

* Includes newborn and infant (less than 6 months) deaths

** Includes deaths from parents driving stoned

***Killed with a gun

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