

My son is currently 25 - at 14 he started smoking skunk and deteriorated rapidly. I phoned every support group in the country to try to get help. Every single group told me that I can not get him help until he is 18. Every single mother said the same 'but he'll be dead by the time he hits 18'. I moved mountains and got him into rehab at age 17 - it saved his life. He will not touch skunk now - EVER. He has tried the odd 'toke' and it instantly triggers the chemical receptors in his brain and thankfully he becomes petrified and recognises it is dangerous - have 15-20% higher THC levels. THIS GOVT -THE AGENCIES - do not understand one iota how dangerous this has become. My recommendation was to have volunteers in emergency rooms of all hospitals on the weekend nights. The number of kids stumbling in - scared, not sure what is happening to them - waiting 3, 4 or 5 hours to be seen - walk out.....to do it all again the next weekend. We can grab them there and then and educate them. Since 14,15, 16 year olds have no where to go when they are 'tripping' except emergency rooms - let's get them there.