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## Earlier onset of teen marijuana use is associated with more frequent use

According to the 2015 Delaware School Survey, fewer than half (43%) of 11<sup>th</sup> graders have tried marijuana; but among those who have tried it, earlier first use leads to more recent use. Boys who tried marijuana age 13 or younger were 3 times as likely to have smoked on 10 or more occasions in the past 30 days than boys who did not try marijuana till after age 13. Girls who tried marijuana age 13 or earlier were 4 times as likely to have smoked on 10 or more occasions in the past month. This suggests delaying first use will lead to less frequent subsequent use.

