



Marijuana

At a Glance



What is it?

- ◆ Marijuana is the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds from the hemp plant *Cannabis Sativa*
- ◆ The active ingredient (mind altering drug) in marijuana is delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol or THC
- ◆ Marijuana is the most commonly used illicit drug in the U.S.
- ◆ Marijuana **IS** addictive
- ◆ Marijuana is classified as a stimulant, depressant, and hallucinogen



Cannabis Plant

Street Names

- ◆ Green Popcorn
- ◆ Weed
- ◆ Reefer
- ◆ Skunk
- ◆ Hash
- ◆ Flower
- ◆ Sticky Icky
- ◆ Mary Jane
- ◆ Ganja
- ◆ Pot
- ◆ Kush
- ◆ Dope

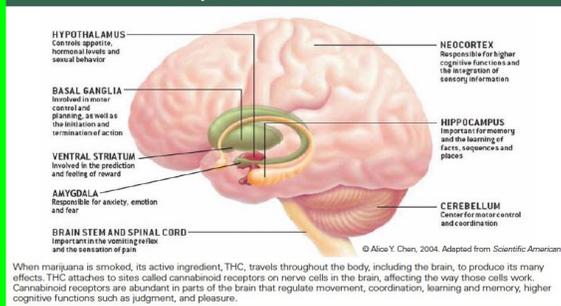
How is it used?

- ◆ Smoked/Inhaled (joints, pipes, blunts, bong, and vaporizers)
- ◆ Eat It (edibles: cooking marijuana in food) such as brownies, cookies, or candy, or brewed in tea, hash oil/honey oil (gooey liquid), wax or budder, (soft, solid like lip balm) shatter (hard amber colored solid)

What are the side effects?

- ◆ Altered senses
- ◆ Changes in mood
- ◆ Impaired body movement
- ◆ Difficulty thinking and problem-solving
- ◆ Impaired memory
- ◆ Breathing problems
- ◆ Long-term reduction in memory, thinking, and learning
- ◆ Inability for the brain to build connections between the areas responsible for memory, thinking, problem solving, and learning
- ◆ Lung cancer
- ◆ Increased risk for heart attack
- ◆ Problems with fetal development in women who are pregnant
- ◆ Hallucinations
- ◆ Paranoia & psychosis
- ◆ Suicidal thoughts
- ◆ Depression
- ◆ Anxiety

Marijuana's Effects on the Brain



Did You Know?

- ◆ Some states (including Michigan) have approved marijuana for medical use, but there currently is not enough evidence that suggests it helps more than it harms
- ◆ Driving while under the influence of marijuana is just as dangerous as driving while drunk



- ◆ The average THC content of marijuana was between 1- 4% in the 1990's, today the THC content can range from 25 - 40%
- ◆ Because a tolerance builds up, over time marijuana can lead users to consume stronger drugs to achieve the same high

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