

MARIJUANA



Facts About Drugs

WHAT IT IS

Names: cannabis sativa, hashish, hashish oil, marijuana, Mary Jane, Acapulco Gold, ace, bhang, Colombian, ganja, grass, hemp, Indian, Jamaican, jive, joint, Mexican, Maui Wowie, Panama Red, Panama Gold, pot, reefer, ragweed, sativa, sinse, tea, Thai sticks, weed, roach, hash, hash oil, honey oil, weed oil

Type: hallucinogen

Forms: grey-green to green-brown dry leaf, resin oil, leaf oil

Combinations: with PCP, "supergrass," "killer weed"; with opium, "O.J."; with heroin, "atom bomb," "A-bomb"

Usage: inhaling by smoking a "joint," bong or pipe; may be cooked or baked in foods and eaten

Legal Status: illegal

WHAT IT FEELS LIKE

Feelings of contentment and relaxation may be accompanied by loss of inhibition, bouts of laughter, continuous talking, increased sensitivity to audio and visual effects, increased sensitivity of touch, smell, taste and movement, increased appetite. Confusion, disorientation, recent memory loss, reduced attention span, lack of balance and stability, loss of muscle strength, shaking, anxiety and paranoia may occur with higher dosages.

WHAT IT DOES

To Your Mind: distorts perception of reality

To Your Body: increases heart rate, lowers blood pressure, limits control of movement

HOW IT CAN HURT YOU

- asthma, bronchitis and damage to respiratory system
- delusions, hallucinations and toxic psychosis
- change in sex drive and infertility
- memory loss with possible permanent brain damage
- unborn children of mothers who use cannabis may develop congenital defects or experience delayed development after birth
- death of self and others due to driving under the influence, especially when combined with alcohol

WHEN TO GET HELP

- Do you think about how and when you're going to smoke again?
- Do you worry if no marijuana is available?
- Is your job or school performance affected?
- Do you spend more and more money on pot?
- Have you been stopped for driving under the influence?

FACT:
Cannabis is the most abused psychoactive drug by students, after alcohol.