

# MARIJUANA



## WHAT IS MARIJUANA?

Marijuana refers to the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds of the Cannabis sativa or Cannabis indica plant. The plant contains the mind-altering chemical THC and other similar compounds.

## STREET NAMES:

Aunt Mary, BC Bud, Blunts, Boom, Chronic, Dope, Gangster, Ganja, Grass, Hash, Herb, Hydro, Indo, Joint, Kif, Mary Jane, Mota, Pot, Reefer, Sinsemilla, Skunk, Smoke, Weed, and Yerba.

## HOW IS IT USED?

Marijuana is usually smoked as a cigarette (called a joint) or in a pipe, bong, or electronic cigarette. It is also mixed with foods or made into a tea.

**FACT:** People who begin using marijuana before age 18 are 4 to 7 times more likely than adults to develop a marijuana use disorder. Marijuana is the most commonly used addictive drug after tobacco and alcohol.

Source: [www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana](http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana)



**FACT:** Using marijuana interferes with learning and memory, increasing the risk of poor grades and dropping out of school. Research shows it can lower IQ if used regularly during the teen years.

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## DRIVING AND MARIJUANA USE

### TRUE OR FALSE?

- Cocaine is the drug most often linked to car accidents. **FALSE.** After alcohol, marijuana is the drug most often linked to car crashes, including those involving deaths.
- Marijuana affects skills required for safe driving – reaction time, alertness, concentration, and coordination. **TRUE**

Source: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/drugged-driving>

### IT'S LEGAL, RIGHT?

**NO.** Under federal law, “recreational and medical use” of marijuana is illegal. Marijuana remains classified as a Schedule I Controlled Substance, meaning it has:

- no currently accepted medical use in the U.S..
- a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and
- a high potential for abuse.



### FOR DRUG USE PREVENTION INFORMATION, VISIT DEA'S WEBSITES:

For parents, caregivers, and educators  
[GetSmartAboutDrugs.com](http://GetSmartAboutDrugs.com)

For college and university campuses  
[CampusDrugPrevention.gov](http://CampusDrugPrevention.gov)

For teens  
[JustThinkTwice.com](http://JustThinkTwice.com)