

MARIJUANA



Top: Bongs and pipes used to smoke marijuana
Lower: "Joints" of marijuana and loose marijuana buds

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF USE

Confusion, paranoia, missing money, a sudden change in appearance and/or attitude, unexplained absences, change in friends, smells strange

SHORT AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Short-term: loss of coordination, confusion, increased heart rate, slower reaction time, pleasant sensations

Long-term: addiction, anxiety, lower intelligence, permanent memory damage, depression, mental illness

STREET NAMES

Weed, Pot, Reefer, Grass, Chronic, Mary Jane, Ganja, Herb, Skunk, Joint, Bud

HOW IT'S USED

Smoked, cooked in food and eaten, prepared in a tea and drunk, vaporized

WHY IT'S DANGEROUS

Smoking marijuana long-term dramatically increases the risk of lung diseases such as emphysema and lung cancer, and using marijuana in any form for a long period of time causes permanent brain damage to the learning, memory, and critical thinking areas of the brain. It also increases the risk of suffering from brain disorders such as anxiety, paranoia, and psychosis.

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