



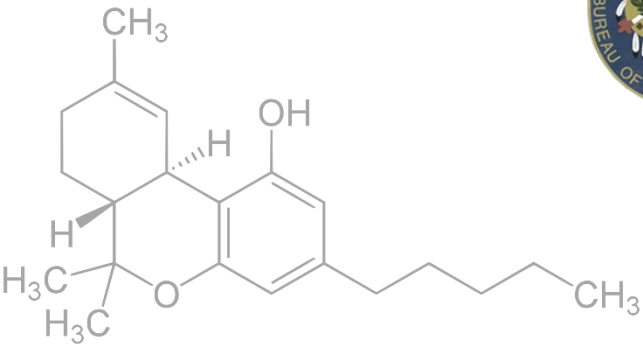
Bureau of Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs Control

Oklahoma



MARIJUANA

(C₂₁H₃₀O₂)

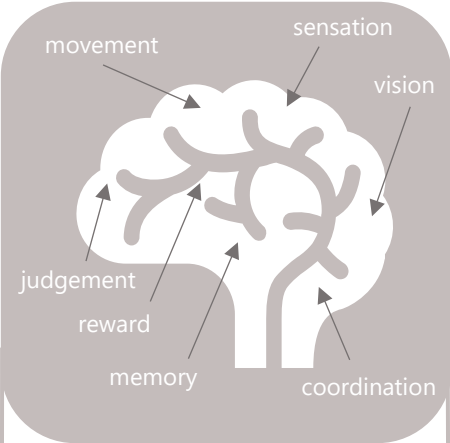


bud, chronic, dope, gangster, ganja, grass, hash, herb, hydro, indo, Mary jane, pot, reefer, skunk, sinsemilla, smoke, trees, weed¹

Marijuana, or more specifically its THC component, is a mind-altering drug that looks like dry herbal material, typically green or brown in color, and comprised of leaves, flowers, stems and buds from the hemp plant *Cannabis Sativa*.¹

WHAT IS IT?

COMMON EFFECTS¹



| ALTERED SENSE OF TIME |
| CHANGES IN MOOD | CHANGES
TO MOTIVATION OR ENERGY |
| IMPAIRED BODY MOVEMENT |
| PROBLEMS WITH THINKING OR
PROBLEM SOLVING | IMPAIRED
CONCENTRATION |



| INCREASED HEART
RATE |

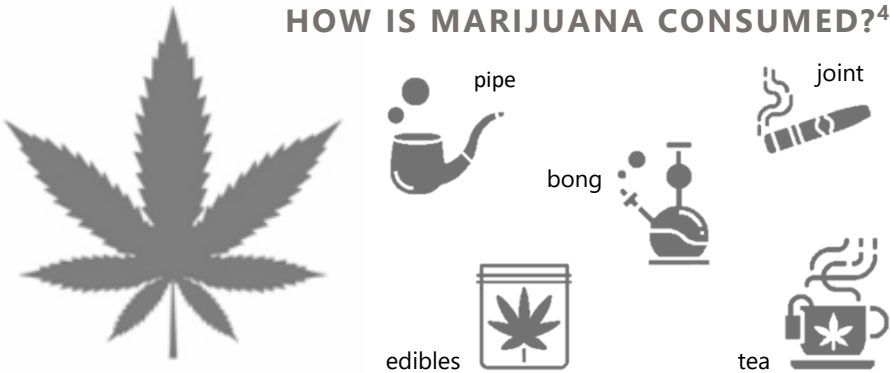


| BREATHING
DIFFICULTIES | SORE
THROAT | ASTHMA |

how it works⁴

Marijuana can be smoked as a cigarette (joint) or in a pipe or bong and can also be mixed with foods or brewed as a tea. When ingested, marijuana (THC) is absorbed into the bloodstream which then carries the chemicals to the organs throughout the body. Once in the brain, the THC connects to specific sites called *cannabinoid receptors* on nerve cells causing an overactivation of those cells which can influence many areas of the brain.

HOW IS MARIJUANA CONSUMED?^{4,8}



did you know? while medically legal in some states, marijuana is still federally considered a schedule 1 drug by the federal government.⁴ This means it still has a high potential for abuse by users.

OKLAHOMA

- ▶ In 2019, the highest age group for marijuana use is 18-25. The second highest age group are ages 12-17.⁵
- ▶ Oklahoma mirrors two-thirds of the nation by legalizing marijuana for medical use in 2019.⁶
- ▶ Today, diverted medical marijuana is the most widely available and commonly used drug in Oklahoma.⁷

Last updated: June 2021. ¹Gateway Hypothesis: Substance use progresses in stages. Starting with alcohol and tobacco use, followed by cannabis use, and later by other illicit drugs. ²National Institute on Drug Abuse. (2019). Marijuana Drug Facts. Retrieved from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>. ³National Institute on Drug Abuse. (2020). Is marijuana a gateway drug? Retrieved from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/marijuana/marijuana-gateway-drug>. ⁴Secadas-Villa, R., Garcia-Rodriguez, O., Jin, C. J., Wang, S., & Blanco, C. (2016). Probability and Predictors of the Cannabis Gateway Effect: A National Study. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 26(2), 135-142. ⁵U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. (2020). *Drugs of Abuse: A DEA Resource Guide*. Retrieved from <https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com/files/publications/Drugs%20of%20Abuse%505050-Web20Version-508%20compliant.pdf>. ⁶Substance Abuse & Mental Health Data Archive. (2019). Marijuana use in the past year in Oklahoma, by age group. *Interactive NSDUH State Estimates*. Retrieved from <https://www.pdas.samhsa.gov/saes/state>. ⁷Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. (2020). *Oklahoma Drug Threat Assessment, 2020*. Retrieved from <https://www.obndd.ok.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=26>. ⁸Icons: <div>Icons made by Pixelmeatup from Flaticon