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The Real Risks of Marijuana



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addiction (*noun*): a brain disorder or illness associated with compulsive (uncontrollable) behavior, such as drug use, despite negative consequences

adolescent (*noun*): a young person who is developing into an adult

alter (*verb*): to make different

CBD (*noun or adjective*): abbreviation for cannabidiol; name given to products that contain the chemical compound cannabidiol. CBD is a chemical compound found in the hemp plant that does not have mind-altering effects (like marijuana).

chemical compound (*noun*): a substance that is a mix of elements made by a chemical process

chronic (*adjective*): occurring over a long period of time or repeatedly

dopamine (*noun*): a chemical in the brain that helps send signals between nerve cells and is associated with feelings of pleasure

hallucination (*noun*): the perception of objects that are not real

ingest (*verb*): to take in the body for digestion

insomnia (*noun*): inability to get enough sleep over a long period of time

marijuana (*noun*): dried leaves and flowers of the hemp plant that can be used as a drug

marijuana use disorder (*noun*): a brain disorder associated with a physical dependence on marijuana, so that when a person tries to stop using it they experience symptoms such as cravings

neuron (*noun*): a specialized cell that is part of the nervous system in the body and sends out and receives nerve signals. Also called a nerve cell.

potent (*adjective*): having a powerful effect

rigorous (*adjective*): very strict

