

MARIJUANA



Marijuana comes from the plant Cannabis Sativa. The psychoactive ingredient in marijuana is Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which gives it a powerful high when smoked or ingested. Street names for marijuana include pakalolo, pot, weed, Mary Jane and grass.



HEALTH RISKS OF MARIJUANA



- Increases heart rate, anxiety and panic attacks
- Reduces ability to learn and retain information
- Interferes with brain function
- Reduces resistance to common illnesses
- Increased risk for asthma bronchitis and emphysema
- Increased risk of a heart attack



INDICATORS OF MARIJUANA USE



Eating binges



Bloodshot/
glassy eyes



Incense or
breath mints
to hide odor



Giggly and
silly for no
reason



Burnt
fingertips



MARIJUANA IN THE US & HAWAII



- 45% of youth 12-17 years old reported having used marijuana.
- Marijuana was the primary substance used at the time of admission into treatment for the majority of adolescents (61.2%) in 2014.
- In 2017, 19.8% of high school students in Hawaii currently used marijuana.
- In 2017, 78% of 18-year-olds reported/shared they have friends that use marijuana.



LEGAL PENALTIES

- Use or distribution of marijuana is a crime under both Hawaii and U.S. law.
- Marijuana is federally illegal in the United States. Federal law trumps state law.
- Recreational marijuana is illegal in the state of Hawaii.
- Medical marijuana is legal for persons with qualifying illnesses, such as terminal cancers. Persons seeking medical marijuana must obtain a doctor's recommendation and register with the State Department of Health to avoid criminal prosecution under state law.





Sources: The Honolulu Police Department Narcotics/Vice Division, Community Epidemiological Work Group, NIDA Marijuana: Facts for Teens, Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse, 2017, ONDCP's Street Terms: Drugs and the Drug Trade, Hawaii Health Data Warehouse, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services, Hawai'i 5 Year Trends (2010 - 2015), www.samhsa.gov, www.honolulu.gov, and the 2005 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), <http://www.justice.gov>, 2017 Hawaii Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (YRBS)

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