

Effects of Marijuana





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EUPHORIA

THC stimulates brain cells to release the chemical dopamine for a temporay high.

MEMORY IMPAIRMENT

THC alters how information is processed in the hippocampus, the part of the brain related to memory. Can effect short-term memory and complex tasks requiring concentration.



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ADVERSE MENTAL REACTIONS

Could include anxiety, fear, distrust, or panic. Some may experience hallucinations, delusions, paranoia, and loss of the sense of personal identity.

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PHYSICAL CHANGES

Users may have red or blodd-shot eye, increased appetite ("the munchies"), increased heart rate, and sleep issues.



http://www.diet-nutritional-advice.com/wpcontent/uploads/2014/05/children-not-getting-enough-sleep.jpg

"Marijuana: Facts Parents Need to Know." Bethesda, MD: National Institute on Drug Abuse, March 2014.