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Marijuana, Inhalants, and Other Illegal Drugs

Lesson 3



## Drugs

While it's true that some drugs will give you an instant "high" feeling, no drug comes without a "low," and the bad feeling and scary effects of drugs often last much longer than any good feeling 000

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Drugs will only make things worse. Young people who are on drugs almost always get into trouble with behavior and grades, and these things only add stress.

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## Drug buse affect

Drugs can affect feelings and moods, judgement, decisionmaking, learning and memory. They can also cause or worsen other health problems such as cancer, heart disease, liver function, mental disorders and more.

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Certain drugs can give you the sensation of insects crawling beneath your skin. This can be very scary! Other drugs can make you see and feel things that aren't real.

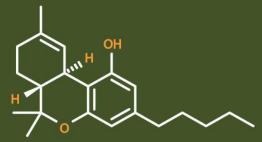
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# What Is Marijuana?

Marijuana is a green, brown, or gray mixture of dried, shredded leaves, stems, seeds, and flowers of the hemp plant called Cannabis Sativa.

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The main active ingredient in marijuana is Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).The strength of THC is different in every

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About 1 in 6 young people who smoke marijuana will become addicted.

# Marijuana Facts Worksheet

Short-Term and Long-Term Effects

## Know To Say No



# Marijuana and the Law

Not only is marijuana bad for you, but also illegal in North

Charges can range from Misdemeanor to Felony

Hemp-extract is legal to possess in NC if it is less than three-tenths of one percent along with other restrictions and prescribed by a doctor – This amount is so small that NC is not considered a state

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## Where It Is Legal?



### **Profits and Restrictions**

Taxes are high and restrictions are so strict that marijuana sells are not as profitable as most believe. The government is the real winner financially.

Restrictions are placed on how much can be possessed and anything above that is illegal.

You must be 21 years of age to possess marijuana.

It is still illegal to sell or transport if you are not a registered vender.

# Consequences Just Ahead

- Colorado traffic fatalities involving drivers testing positive for marijuana increased 144.68% from 2009-2015.
- Hospitalizations related to marijuana increased 143.69% from 2009-2014.
- In school year 2015/2016, <u>62 percent</u> of all drug expulsions and suspensions were for marijuana violations.
- In 2013, there were 12 reported THC extraction lab explosions. That number rose to 32 in 2014.

# INHALANTS

### **Inhalants**

intentionally inhaled toxic, poisonous, chemical vapors that can be misused to produce mind-altering effects, often with disastrous results. Often found in household or office products.

## **Types of Inhalants**







#### Liquids

#### Aerosols

Paint thinner Paint Remover Dry-Cleaning Fluids Degreasers Gasoline Glues Correction Fluids, Felt-Tip Markers

Spray Paints Deodorant Hair Sprays Vegetable Oil Sprays Fabric Protector Spray Gases

Chloroform Nitrous Oxide Whipped Cream Cans Butane Lighters Propane Tanks Refrigerants







Using inhalants to intentionally get "high" can wreak havoc on a healthy body from head to toe, causing hearing loss, vision loss, convulsions, and damage to the liver, kidneys, heart, bone marrow, and muscles. It even lower oxygen levels enough to cause asphyxiation, or disrupt heart rhythms and cause death from cardiac arrest.

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<u>Other Illegal</u> Drugs



### North Carolina Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

• 11.3% of students tried marijuana for first time before age 13. 88.7% have not. 30.2% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders used marijuana. 69.8% have not. • 7% tried some type of aerosol one or more times. 93% have not. • 3.8% tried some type of cocaine one or more

times. 95% have not.



# Ways To Give Drugs The Brush-Off

Handout



# Questions?

