

Marijuana Facts - Cannabis sativa



Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol = THC

~~~~~D.A.R.E. Lesson 3~~~~~

- MARIJUANA is **ILLEGAL** in the United States!!
- Marijuana smokers have **more colds** & upper respiratory problems.
- Marijuana smoke **contains 50% - 70% more** of some cancer causing chemicals than tobacco smoke!
- There is 4 times **more tar** in marijuana smoke than in tobacco smoke.
- Marijuana users have an **increased risk of cancer**.
- Marijuana can be an **addictive** substance.
- Smoking marijuana is **PREVENTABLE!** Just say NO!
- Marijuana **affects your brain and body!** Examples are:
  - Loss of self control and the ability to concentrate
  - Slows coordination and reflexes, short term memory loss
  - Affects your ability to judge distance, speed and reaction time. These are very important in sports or even riding a bike!
- Slang terms include Mary Jane, weed, pot, grass, joint, blunt, roach clip, reefer, ganja and many more.
- THC, the active ingredient in marijuana damages the nerve cells in the part of the brain where memories are formed, making it hard to remember things.
- Marijuana is the gateway drug. Teens who smoke marijuana are more likely to try other drugs, because they have more contact with people who use and sell them. **STAY AWAY!**

