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Marijuana and the Mind: Addiction and Intoxication

New research documents the harmful effects of marijuana on the brain.



Marijuana is a seductive drug. Although many people believe it is not harmful, it affects reflexes, judgment, memory, and perception to a startling degree. Frequent use often results in addiction.

Marijuana and the Mind reports on current research into the drug's effects on the brain. Medical experts such as Ronald Hammer Jr. MD of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at UCLA, Marcelline Burns PhD of the Southern California Research Institute, and Michael Meyers MD, Medical Director of the Chemical Dependency Treatment Program at Brotman Medical Center cite new evidence of the danger marijuana poses to users.

A variety of laboratory experiments illustrate how the drug works in the brain to cause intoxication. Although physical and mental reactions are not always obvious to those who smoke it, marijuana's effects are real and can still be monitored 24 hours after use. Experiments demonstrate how THC, the drug's dominant chemical property, concentrates in the brain to affect memory, learning, movement, and thinking.

The program describes the warning signs of addiction, then explains the consequences: frequent accidents, paranoia, loss of drive, and an increasing inability to function in daily life.

Recovering addicts reinforce the scientific evidence with their own stories of marijuana dependence. Their testimonies reveal the truth of Dr. Meyers' statement in the program: "Marijuana can ruin lives just as surely as heroin or crack; it only takes longer."

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