

## Marijuana

**Street Name:** Pot, Grass, Joints, Roaches, Reefer, Weed, Mary Jane

**Chemical Name:** delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol THC

**Routes Of Administration:** Oral, Smoking

**Effects:** Problems with memory and learning; distorted perception; difficulty in thinking and problem solving; loss of coordination can occur. On stopping marijuana, one can have panic attacks and sleep disturbances.

It is usually smoked as a joint or in a pipe or bong.

In recent years, marijuana has appeared in "blunts", which are cigars that have been emptied of tobacco and refilled with marijuana, often in combination with another drug, such as crack. Some users also mix marijuana into foods ("Scooby Snacks" are cookies made with marijuana) or use it to brew tea. The main active chemical in marijuana is THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol).

THC, the active drug in marijuana, is available in tablet form called Marinol that is used to increase appetite in patients with chronic wasting diseases such as HIV related disease.