

- MEDICINAL CANNABIS -



Products in health shops that are derived from the Cannabis plant **must not** contain more than 0.02% THC.

Medicinal Cannabis can be prescribed to relieve symptoms of a medical condition.



Since 1st November 2018, patients can be prescribed Medicinal Cannabis by specialist doctors, if they agree that the patient could benefit from that treatment and other licensed drugs have failed.



Medicinal Cannabis cannot be smoked.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS STRUGGLING WITH THE MISUSE OF CANNABIS THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE

- HELP & ADVICE -



0300 123 6600

www.talktofrank.com



Marijuana Anonymous

0300 124 0373

www.marijuana-anonymous.org.uk



aquarius

0121 622 8181

www.aquarius.org.uk

- CANNABIS -

Cannabis, a **Class B Psychoactive Drug**, comes from the Cannabis plant and grows in warm climates. The plants are grown illegally in specially designed 'Cannabis Farms' which are often located in peoples homes or warehouses.

CANNABIS CONTAINS OVER 100 CANNABINOL'S.

THE TWO MAIN ONES ARE:

**Tetrahydrocannabinol
THC**
Giving a 'High' effect

**Cannabinol
CBD**
Giving a 'Calming' effect

**THC LEVELS IN CANNABIS CAN VARY IN STRENGTH.
HIGH LEVELS OF THC ARE USUALLY FOUND IN WEED.**

IT COMES IN DIFFERENT FORMS

IT IS USED IN DIFFERENT WAYS



HERBAL CANNABIS
'WEED'

SMOKED IN A
SPLIFF OR JOINT



CANNABIS
OIL

SMOKED IN A
PIPE OR BONG



CANNABIS
RESIN 'HASH'

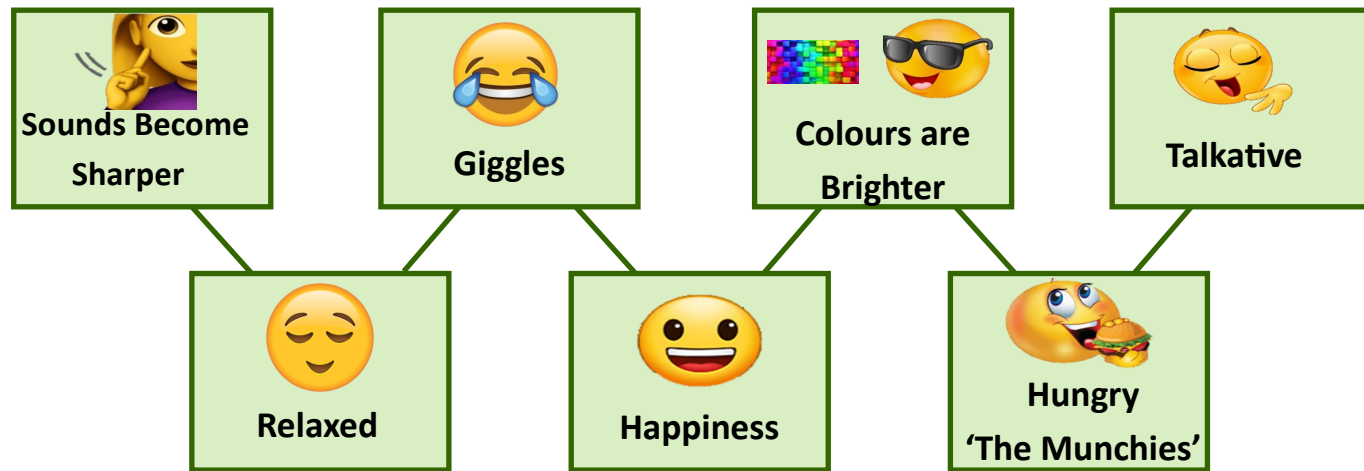
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FOOD AND DRINK



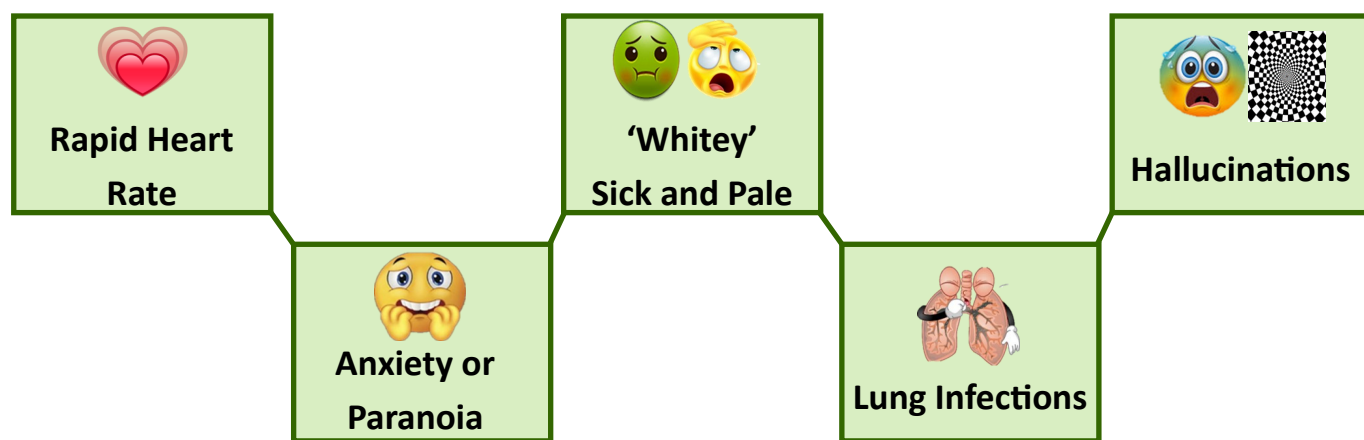
CANNABIS IS A DEPRESSANT, WHICH MEANS THAT IT SLOWS DOWN MESSAGES BETWEEN THE BRAIN AND BODY.

- CANNABIS AND YOUR BODY -

WHEN A PERSON TAKES CANNABIS THEY CAN EXPERIENCE INTOXICATING EFFECTS SUCH AS:



SOME UNPLEASANT EFFECTS CAN INCLUDE:



WHEN SMOKED, CANNABIS CAN RELEASE CARBON MONOXIDE AND TAR. SOME PEOPLE ALSO MIX CANNABIS WITH TOBACCO PUTTING THEMSELVES AT FURTHER HEALTH RISKS INCLUDING **HEART DISEASE, CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE**

- CANNABIS AND MENTAL HEALTH -



Using Cannabis can trigger long-term mental health issues such as **Psychosis, Anxiety, Paranoia and Depression.**

Any hallucinations experienced can be very frightening which may lead to **Paranoia or Anxiety.**

Cannabis use can have an impact on current mental health problems including **Schizophrenia.**

Regular use can affect motivation and concentration making learning difficult.

- CANNABIS AND THE LAW -

CLASS B DRUG UNDER THE MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1975.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO.....

Cultivate/ Grow **Possess** **Supply** **Deal**

The penalties depend on the amount you have. Possession could lead to **5 years in prison**. If you are dealing or producing it offenders could face **up to 14 years in prison**.

There is a clause in the law regarding Cannabis that allows Police to use their discretion surrounding possession of a small amount for personal use.

FIRST OFFENCE A WARNING	SECOND OFFENCE ON THE SPOT FINE	THIRD OFFENCE ARREST	UNDER 18 Under 18's will be taken to the police station. Following this, parents/guardians will be informed. The police may give referrals to drug or youth offending services.
ARREST CAN HAPPEN ON THE FIRST OFFENCE DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND AMOUNT OF CANNABIS FOUND.			

CANNABIS AND DRIVING



It is illegal to drive whilst under the influence of drugs, including Cannabis.

Cannabis use affects focus and concentration which will impact driving skills.



Cannabis use whilst driving is now tested at the roadside. A positive reading can lead to arrest and prosecution, potentially leading to:

MINIMUM 1 YEAR DRIVING BAN	UNLIMITED FINE	6 MONTHS IN PRISON	CRIMINAL RECORD
DRUG DRIVE CONVICTIONS SHOW ON DRIVING RECORDS FOR 11 YEARS			