

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is marijuana? Marijuana refers to the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds from the Cannabis sativa or Cannabis indica plant. The plant contains the mind-altering chemical THC and other similar compounds. Extracts can also be made from the cannabis plant.
- Is the smoke from marijuana dangerous? Marijuana smoke contains many of the same chemicals as tobacco smoke, it is important to consider the potential health related risks associated with secondhand smoke to babies, children, pregnant women, and anyone around you when smoking marijuana.
- What are edibles? Edibles are products such as cookies, sodas, brownies, and candies that have been made with THC. Edibles take 1.5 - 4 hours to take effect. They can cause effects that last longer than anticipated which are dependent on age, metabolism, prior food consumption, simultaneous medication or alcohol use. The amount of THC can be different in edible marijuana products, and the effects take longer to feel when eaten compared to smoked.
- What are the effects of marijuana? Getting high can impact your decision making and perception, slower reaction times and affect your ability to drive and operate machinery safely. It is illegal to drive while high.
- Can you become addicted to marijuana? Most people do not become addicted to marijuana products, although research shows that some heavy users can show signs of dependence - the more often they use marijuana, the more they need it.
- Who can buy marijuana and where can they buy it? Persons must be 21 years of age or older to purchase and possess a government issued ID. Marijuana can be purchased at licensed retail stores only.
- Who do I call for help if needed? If you suspect that a child has consumed marijuana call the poison control hotline at (800)222-1222. If the reaction seems serious call 911 or go to the emergency room. If you suspect that your pet has consumed marijuana call your vet.