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Marijuana changes how the **brain** works. It attaches to receptors in the brain, and for most people, it tells their brain and **body** to feel calm and relaxed. It can change **behavior** too, including *increased anxiety*.

Short-Term Effects:

- *Feel less coordinated and react more slowly*
- *Altered sense of time*
- *Feeling relaxed*
- *Anxiety, fear, distrust, or panic (when taken in high doses)*
- *Feeling really hungry*

Long-Term Effects:

- *Problems with memory and learning skills*
- *Increased risk of mental health problems*



Other Issues Associated with Marijuana Use

Reduced school performance. Students who smoke

marijuana
drop



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Impaired
safe
react
with

High

likely to receive a traffic ticket and 65% more likely to get into an accident than other teens.

Use of other drugs. Young people who use marijuana are *more likely* to try other illegal drugs. Exposure to addictive substances, like marijuana, may cause changes to the developing brain that make other drugs more appealing. Someone who uses marijuana is more likely to be in contact with people who use and sell other drugs, increasing the risk for being tempted to try them.



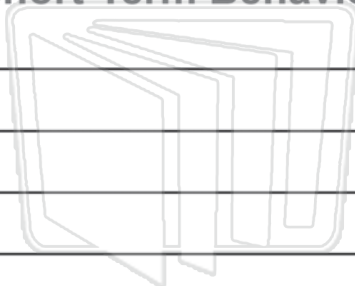


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How does marijuana use change behavior?

Short-Term Behavior Effects:

Long-Term Behavior Effects:



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Life Satisfaction:

Drug Use:
