

# MARIJUANA

**DESCRIPTION** –Marijuana, the hemp plant, grows wild throughout most of the tropic and temperate regions of the world. Marijuana is the most frequently encountered illicit drug worldwide. The term “marijuana” as commonly used refers to the leaves and flowering tops of the cannabis plant that are dried to produce a tobacco-like substance. It varies significantly in its potency, depending on the source and selection of plant materials used. Marijuana grown in the United States was once considered inferior because of a low concentration of THC, advancements in plant selection and cultivation have resulted in highly potent domestic marijuana.

**PACKAGING** –Marijuana is packaged in a baggie by weight and called “dime bag”. Baggies can weigh from 1/10 of a gram and up.

**WHERE THE DRUG IS SOLD** – Marijuana is sold anywhere. It is grown locally in the summer. In winter it is brought in from the west from Missouri and Arizona and from the south.

**METHODS OF USE** – Marijuana is usually smoked in the form of loosely rolled cigarettes called joints, or hollowed out commercial cigars called blunts. They may be laced with a number of other drugs including PCP, substantially altering the effects and toxicity.

**STREET PRICES** – Locally grown marijuana is very cheap and a dime bag sells for \$10.00. Marijuana brought in from the west and south if more expensive.

**STREET NAMES** – Pot, grass, weed, Mary Jane, and reefer.

**PHYSICAL EFFECTS** – Effects are felt within minutes, reach their peak in 10 to 30 minutes, and may linger for two or three hours. Effects can include a sense of well being and a dreamy state of relaxation. A vivid sense of sight, smell, taste, and hearing, subtle alterations in thought formation and expression, rapid fluctuating emotions, fragmented thoughts, altered sense of self-identity, impaired memory, a dulling of attention despite an illusion of heightened insight, fantasies, increased appetite, disorientation and hallucinations.