

Using Medical Marijuana Safely

If you have any questions about the following information, please contact the Poison and Drug Information Center at **1-800-222-1222**.



Uses of Medical Marijuana

(as stated in Arizona statute 36-2801)

- Cancer
- Glaucoma
- HIV(+)
- AIDS
- Hepatitis C
- Lou Gehrig's disease/ Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- Crohn's disease
- Agitation of Alzheimer's disease
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that causes one or more of the following:
 - Cachexia or wasting syndrome
 - Severe and chronic pain
 - Severe nausea
 - Seizures characteristic of epilepsy or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including those characteristic of multiple sclerosis
- Other medical conditions or its treatment can be added by public petition and subsequent approval by the department as stated in Arizona statute 36-208.01

Side Effects*

Possible negative side effects from smoking or eating marijuana are listed below. If you have any of these side effects, call the Poison and Drug Information Center at 1-800-222-1222 for instructions.

Neurologic

Anxiety	Loss of consciousness	Memory problems
Difficulty walking	Depression	Mood swings
Dizziness	Lack of motivation	Hallucinations
Drowsiness	Paranoia	Impaired reaction time
Slurred speech	Panic disorder	
Disorientation	Headaches	

Lungs

Coughing or wheezing
Shortness of breath

Heart

Dizziness (or low blood pressure) when rising
Increase or decrease in heart rate
Heart arrhythmias (rare)

Stomach/Intestinal

Increased appetite
Dry mouth
Pancreatitis (rare)

Muscles

Tremors/shaking

Kidney

Difficulty urinating

***Side Effects** and **Drug Interactions** were noted in studies that included marijuana, Dronabinol and Nabilone. Dronabinol and Nabilone are Food and Drug Administration-approved medicines derived from tetrahydrocannabinol.

** **Withdrawal Side Effects** following cessation after long term use: increased irritability, anxiety, nervousness, restlessness, sleep difficulties and aggression.

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Call the Poison and Drug Information Center if you have any questions about this information.

Experts are there to take your call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The service is free and you do not have to give your name.

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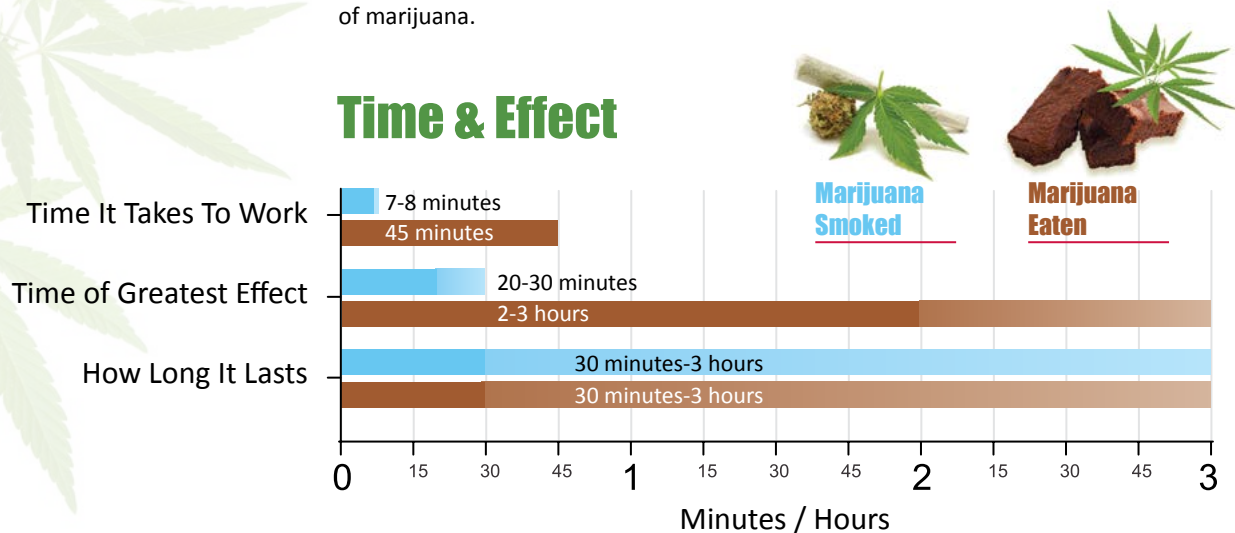
Using Marijuana with Other Drugs*

As with any medication, marijuana may interact with other drugs you are taking. In some cases, these reactions may be severe. Use medical marijuana cautiously, and call your doctor or the poison center if you have any of the following symptoms when using the drugs below.

Drug	Possible Side Effect
Disulfiram (Antabuse) or Fluoxetine (Prozac and Sarafem)	Mild manic episodes, especially in those who are bipolar
Theophylline (Theo-24, Theo-Dur)	Decreased amount of theophylline in the body
Amphetamines/Cocaine/Other stimulants	Increased heart rate and blood pressure
Antihistamines (Allergy medications)	Increased heart rate and/or drowsiness
Tricyclic antidepressants (Elavil, Pamelor)	Increased heart rate, blood pressure and drowsiness
Alcohol (ethanol), Other sedatives	Increased drowsy effects of both medications
Barbiturates (Nembutal, Butisol)	Decreased metabolism of these drugs

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Time & Effect



These are estimated time intervals based on available data.