

Marijuana Videos/DVDs

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Addiction and the Human Brain (cc)

Drug addiction is a disease of the brain, and teens are at highest risk for acquiring this disease. That is the startling conclusion recently arrived at by brain experts, based on the latest research findings. This program illustrates the amazingly complicated structure and function of the brain using colorful and compelling visuals and computer animations. It explains the changes to the brain caused by prolonged use of drugs such as cocaine, heroin, nicotine, alcohol and methamphetamine, and shows why voluntary drug use eventually becomes involuntary and compulsive. Studies indicate that drugs affect the developing brain more than the brain of someone more mature, thus putting teens at a higher risk of addiction. Interviews with recovering teen addicts, an addiction counselor, and brain experts and researchers give the program realism and intensity, and provide sobering thoughts to viewers.
Grades 7-College 25 min. 2005 V-4169 or DVD-4169

Burning Out (cc)

In today's world it is very common to get mixed messages on the issue of marijuana. BURNING OUT uncovers the harmful truths about smoking marijuana by dealing with the people who have suffered the pain and tragedy of addiction. It is important to inform high school and college kids that they live in a world where drugs are available, and taking advantage of that proximity, even just once, can have devastating consequences.
High School/Adult 23 min. 2007 DVD-204

Debunking the Myths About Marijuana: What Can Your Community Do?

This video, developed by the ONDCP National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, was designed to educate communities about the harms of teen marijuana use. It highlights the latest research about the drug, features commentary by leading experts about the effects of marijuana on youth, and encourages communities to work together to address teen marijuana use. It also includes television ads for youth on the negative consequences of marijuana use, for parents on the importance of monitoring their kids, and for the general audience on the importance of community coalitions. Marijuana Ads for Teens: "Roadside Memorial", "Pregnancy Test", "Four Cigarettes"
Ads for Adults: "Thanks" "Loss"
Ads for Community Coalitions "Rabbi/Reverend" "Banker/Ball Player" "Chef/Plumber/Policeman"
High School/Adult 7 min. 2003 V-205

Drug Education for Teens Series/Marijuana, v. 8 (cc)

It's referred to as weed, hemp, cannabis or pot, but regardless of what you call it, marijuana is arguably the most widely used illegal drug today. But what does smoking pot do to your mind and body? In *Marijuana*, students explore the physical consequences of abuse as well as the controversy surrounding its medicinal uses. Amazing animations give viewers an in-depth look at the short- and long-term impact that marijuana has on the brain. Interviews with users and experts explain the crippling effect that marijuana can have on the motivation, memory and future of even the most casual user.
Junior High School/High School 23 min. 2003 V-78

Drug Wars: The New Marijuana

What is the truth about marijuana? Anyone who views this video will be clear about the dangers of smoking marijuana. Eric Martin, Executive Director of the Addiction Counselor Certification Board for the State of Oregon, makes it simple by dispelling the myths about marijuana. Martin discusses the effects of marijuana on the brain, heart, lungs, and immune system. Viewers will see how using this addictive substance will affect even the simplest activities in their daily lives.
High School/Adult 23 min. 2003 V-206 or DVD-206

Drug Wars: Up Against the Stem

Several teens are in drug treatment counseling talking about how their marijuana use spiraled out of control. They tell stories about being kicked out of school, losing the trust of friends and family, selling possessions that were important to them, missing out on activities like sports, and getting in trouble with the law. In all the teens' stories we hear how they never expected to suffer all the consequences of marijuana use when they first decided to try it. Instead, they were surprised to find how desperate they became in their need to get high. The teens' stories are integrated with the scientific side of marijuana use. Eric Martin, a national expert on drug abuse, explains how marijuana use can cause permanent damage to the brain, heart, lungs, and immune system. By describing changes in growing techniques, he also presents a convincing case that marijuana is no longer a natural substance.
High School 23 min. 2003 V-207 or DVD-207

Drugged Driving: The Road to Disaster (cc)

Intoxicated teen drivers are responsible for 18% of motor vehicle deaths each year. Alcohol abuse is a major factor, but teen drivers' abuse of over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs and marijuana is rising at an alarming rate. Teens are driving impaired and putting their lives and the lives of others at grave risk. In this video, ER doctors and police investigators specially trained to recognize drug-impaired driving present a hard, on-the-scene look at how drugs impact driver alertness, reflexes and perception skills. A prosecutor specializing in DUI cases explains the legal consequences following a drugged driving crash. Finally, a mother recreates the tragic story of how her daughter died in a drugged driving crash caused by marijuana smoking. Viewers get a comprehensive view of the devastating effects of drugged driving on teens, their families and their communities.

Grade 9-College 25 min. 2008 DVD-4205

Eye on Idaho: Marijuana Debate

Eye on Idaho host Walt Baker will attempt to provide both sides of this controversial issue.

- Research proves that marijuana is a “gateway drug” leading to the use of more dangerous substances.
- In Alaska, when marijuana was decriminalized high school use doubled that of the U.S.
- THC, the active ingredient in marijuana encourages physical and psychological dependence.

Participants are Wolf Hoffman/Marijuana Advocate and Don Tennison/Ada County Juvenile Court Services
High School/Adult 24 min. 2000 V-208

Getting Stupid: How Drugs Damage Your Brain (cc)

This video presents to middle schoolers the latest scientific information on how alcohol, marijuana, inhalants and other drugs cause serious and potentially permanent damage to the human brain. Video includes interviews with scientists who use actual brain scans of drug users to explain how the brain's chemistry is harmed by drugs. Hi-tech images of the human brain make the evidence compelling and memorable. Students will clearly see those areas of the brain that are impacted, such as the hippocampus, blood vessels and nerve cells. New research has demonstrated that the ability to do common thinking tasks is seriously compromised in the still developing brains of teenagers who drink alcohol. Program delivers an urgent wake-up call to viewers who may not be aware of the real dangers of how taking drugs can damage the brain.

Grades 5-9 23 min. 2003 V-162 or DVD-162

Hard Facts About Drugs: Alcohol, Marijuana, Cocaine and Crack

Discusses the negative emotional and physical effects of alcohol, marijuana, crack and cocaine use. Describes the addictive nature of certain drugs.

Teens/Adults 22 min. 1988 V-209

Keep Off the Grass: Hidden Dangers of Marijuana Use

This video dispels the myth that marijuana is “harmless”. Psychological dependence on marijuana causes a loss of motivation, energy, and memory—as well as a web of interpersonal problems. Emotionally, marijuana can provoke chemical depression. On the physical side, marijuana harms the lungs, reproductive organs, and all other body systems. This video addresses students who may think that smoking marijuana is a safe alternative to hard drugs. By allowing viewers to hear from real people in recovery who describe how marijuana was their gateway into serious substance abuse and addiction, this video offers information with a memorable anti-drug message.

Grades 7-College 27 min. 1997 V-210

L-Evated: the Blunt Truth

More than 50 percent of juvenile arrestees test positive for marijuana use. Many urban teens show neither awareness of the long-range health risks associated with escalating marijuana use nor understanding of how the drug can impair cognitive skills and be addictive. This program combines dramatic vignettes and interviews with youth and health experts to illustrate how destructive and debilitating marijuana is. A doctor describes the effects of regular marijuana use on human behavior. Users become apathetic, tired, moody and irritable and experience a lack of energy and concentration. Judgment can also be impaired when under the influences of the drug. The program depicts scenarios where young adults take such unnecessary chances as having unprotected sex and committing armed robbery. Former adult marijuana users help young people get back on the right track by showing them how using the drug messed up their lives.

High School 24 min. 1999 V-211

Marijuana Narrated by Delbert Boone

A common misconception in the United States is that marijuana use is not harmful, or that it is not as dangerous as “hard” drugs such as cocaine and heroin. The truth is that marijuana is as addictive as those drugs, causes lasting physical and psychological damage, and leads to use of other drugs, criminal activity, incarceration and even death. Delbert Boone explains how understanding the effects of marijuana use is the key to recovery. He tells how chemicals in marijuana collect in the walls of brain cells and impair the user’s ability to reason, affect memory, coordination and perception. Resin from marijuana settles into the lungs, impairing respiration and potentially causing cancer. Marijuana also causes Amotivational Syndrome, such that the user loses interest in goals in favor of obtaining drugs, leading to criminal activity. Although targeted to a group of inmates in a correctional facility, the information in this program is relevant to anyone using marijuana or other drugs, including young people who feel pressured to start.

High School/Adult 30 min. 1997 V-212

Marijuana and Human Physiology

Even though marijuana is the second most widely abused drug after alcohol, many people believe it offers harmless recreation. This program provides potent reinforcement to Health and Life Skills units on behavioral choices, decision making and alcohol and drug education. It dispels myths with hard facts about the drug and its effects on the body. A physician-narrator clearly describes marijuana's damaging effects on the sinuses, pharynx, uvula, lungs, heart, brain, reproductive system, and immune system.

Grades 9-12 22 min. 1986 V-213

Marijuana y la fisiologia humana [Marijuana: Human Physiology]

This video dispels the belief that marijuana is harmless. A physician discusses the physical and psychological effects the drug has on the body. After seeing this program, not even the most skeptical can deny that there are high risks involved in using this drug.

Adult 21 min. 1985 V-8007

Marijuana and the Mind: Intoxication and Addiction

It has been proven that marijuana concentrates in the two areas of the brain that affect memory and learning and movement and thinking. A sign of the addictive power of marijuana is the high relapse rate of people who try to quit. This program shows that marijuana can ruin lives just as surely as heroin or crack; it only takes longer -- convincing support for Health and Life Skills units on alcohol and drug education, behavioral choices and personal health. Students' understanding of marijuana's effects and addictive qualities reinforce the correlation between unsafe behavior and a serious impact on physical well-being.

Grades 8-12 22 min. 1991 V-214

Marijuana in the New Millennium [HOPE TO ORDER]

In a newly released video by Dr. David Ohlms, he addresses why marijuana continues to be popular among both teens and adults. Ohlms says "for the most part, beliefs about the dangers associated with the use of these drugs---which have been harbingers of change in the past---remained fairly stable in 1999." In this video, he discusses many of the common physical effects, signs and symptoms of drug use, its side effects, and newly discovered physiological issues that face drug users.

High School/Adult 25 min. 2006 DVD-

Marijuana: Neurochemistry & Physiology

Designed to be used in a group or clinical setting, this objective, non-judgmental video presents the latest research and findings on the neurochemistry and physiology of marijuana. The content focuses on the research advances in understanding how marijuana works on a cellular level and how those neurochemical changes affect sedation, the sense of novelty, appetite, memory, the immune system, visual spatial organization, paranoia, and dependence.

Adult 32 min. 2005 DVD-216

The Marijuana Papers: Research Update (cc)

This program reveals the latest scientific research about how marijuana changes the adolescent brain, impairs the brain’s ability to perform complex tasks, lowers the body’s immune system and can become powerfully addictive. Using a format similar to popular TV detective shows such as CSI, several real teens travel across the country in search of answers to important questions like: Is it true marijuana’s not addictive? And how can something “natural” like marijuana be harmful? Along the way they meet Dr. Susan Tapert from the University Of California in San Diego, a research scientist using MRI’s to track brain function in teens who’ve experimented with marijuana. She shows them how new studies have scientifically linked loss of memory function to teenage marijuana use. The teenage sleuths also speak to Dr. Michael Roth a researcher dealing with marijuana’s harmful effect on the immune system. Dr. Roth gives them a first hand demonstration in his laboratory which graphically shows how the active ingredient in marijuana actually inhibits the body’s normal healing process. The teens also speak to drug counselors who introduce them to other real teens whose lives have been forever damaged by the drugs devastating effect on an individual’s potential to do well in school and to function normally as an adult.

Grades 7-College 21 min. 2005 V-5081 or DVD-5081

Marijuana: Paying the Price

Today's powerful marijuana is often the "gate-way" to the "drug culture," especially among susceptible young people. Interviews with those who have been there and escaped, including Lonnie Bushey, make the point that the price of entry may be death.

Junior-High/Senior High 25 min. 1997 V-217

Marijuana: Setting Things Straight

Laurie's boyfriend is pressuring her to try marijuana, so she turns to her friend Gladys for help. With the help of a medical student, police officer and former drug users, they learn the facts about marijuana use and its harmful effects on the mind and body. This video covers the history of marijuana use, its psychological, emotional and physical effects, and the legal consequences for those who are caught with marijuana. It gives students the facts that empower them to make the right choice when it comes to marijuana. This videotape also includes a comprehensive leader's guide with a synopsis of the film, preparation notes, presenter's instructions, and questions for discussion.

Grade 7-Adult 17 min. 1995 V-218

Marijuana: The Burning Truth

The steady rise in marijuana use by teenagers is often attributed to the fact that an increasing number of young people simply do not see the drug as dangerous. In this fast-paced, MTV-style video, real teens talk about the reasons they think marijuana use among their peers remains popular. The program explores the problems associated with pot-smoking, including its effect on developing important skills and on friendships and family relationships. They also discuss the negative effect marijuana use can have on academic performance, a finding clearly supported by research. The possibility of psychological dependence on marijuana is discussed. Examines its effect on the lungs and brain, dispels teens' belief that this so-called "soft drug" poses no serious problems.

Grades 7-12 11 min. 1999 V-219

Marijuana: The Escape to Nowhere (cc)

This video challenges myths about marijuana by clearly stating that marijuana is addictive and use results in physical, emotional, and spiritual consequences. It also explains to clients in simple language the pharmacology of today's more potent marijuana and shares the hope and healing of recovery.

Adult 40 min. 1999 DVD-220

Marijuana: The Gateway Drug

Many marijuana users, especially teens, do not consider marijuana to be a dangerous, addictive drug, like the "hard" drugs cocaine or heroin. Yet the truth is that marijuana is addictive, and very harmful. This program provides compelling support to Health and Life Skills units on alcohol and drug education, behavioral choices and personal health. Students' understanding of marijuana's impact is reinforced through explanation of the drug's damage to short-term memory, and the tendency of users to experiment with other drugs - leading ultimately to addiction. Teens and young adults who themselves are recovering addicts provide further insights -- why they started using marijuana, and how after a while the high they experienced was no longer enough, which led them to try cocaine, LSD and other hallucinogens. They also discuss how much their drug use cost them -- their money, self-esteem, education, jobs, and their family and friends. Current users are advised that although addiction is difficult to overcome, if they continue to use marijuana and other drugs they will most certainly end up in jail -- or dead.

Grades 8-12 28 min. 1998 V-221

Marijuana: The Medical Consequences [HOPE TO ORDER]

Viewers will explore marijuana's effect on the brain, both in terms of what produces its pleasurable effect, and the side effects apparent in various parts of the brain. Other core issues include effects on general physical health and emotional wellness, addictive qualities and women's issues. Medically accurate information and computer graphics are interspersed with engaging questions from the audience, offering a real-world approach to those concerned about marijuana, and the implications of its use.

Adult 42 min. 200? DVD-

Marijuana: The Mirror That Magnifies

Presents an objective nonjudgmental examination of marijuana through the use of animation, graphics, interviews with current users and those in recovery. The video examines botany, reasons for use, effects and side effects, including respiratory system involvement, cognition, memory, motivation, tracking ability, and mental stability. Levels of use, compulsion, tolerance, withdrawal, and recovery are also covered.

High School/Adult 28 min. 1995 V-223

Marijuana: Weeding Out the Hype!

Marijuana is a mind-altering drug made from the cannabis plant. It is the most widely used illegal drug. In this video, viewers will learn some of the latest facts about marijuana. Experts refute the myth that "everybody" is using marijuana as well as claims that it is harmless. The video includes highlights from "Marijuana: Weeding Out the Hype," one in a series of national 90-minute drug-specific teleconferences sponsored by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, SAMHSA, NIDA, the National Guard Counterdrug Office, and the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. Aired 1/1/2003.

Adult 28 min. 2003 V-224

The Myths of Marijuana Debunked (cc)

Marijuana is not addictive. It doesn't harm the body. It doesn't harm the brain. Marijuana doesn't impair driving or negatively impact teens' futures. There's no connection between marijuana use and unhealthy risk taking. These statements are just plain wrong—yet many kids believe they are true. The program forcefully debunks these misconceptions with the latest facts, science and statistics to prove the deadly danger of marijuana use. This high impact video will turn kids' heads and lead them to seriously question marijuana use as something “fun, harmless and natural.” Juxtaposing commentary from real kids with real ex-users intercut with fast-paced narration, this video drives home the message that marijuana is a dangerous drug. Along with the follow-up print materials, this program delivers a strong no-use message.

Grades 7-College 21 min. 2007 DVD-5115

Natural Highs and the Truth about So-Called “Natural” Drugs (cc) [HOPE TO ORDER]

Experiencing a “natural” high from sports, music, meditation, or just plain laughter, is one of the joys of human existence. This program describes the role of the brain's reward pathways and how neurotransmitters such as dopamine, serotonin, and endorphins influence feelings of pleasure. It tackles the issue of using so-called “natural” drugs like marijuana and peyote. Too many teens think that because these drugs are plant based, they are safe, when in fact using these drugs may irreparably harm the teenage brain. Inside a neuroscientist's lab, viewers see how these drugs can cause a surge of dopamine and actually change the natural chemistry of the brain, causing toxicity, addiction, behavior changes, and memory loss. Case studies of real teens contrast the experiences of teens that have learned to experience “highs” from healthy pursuits versus recovering marijuana addicts to reinforce the message.

Grades 7-College 18 min. 2007 DVD-

The New Marijuana: High Potency, Greater Dangers (cc) [IN PRODUCTION]

The potency of THC, the mind-altering chemical in marijuana, has more than doubled in the last twenty years creating a greater risk for impairment and a far higher risk of addiction. Video presents viewers with up-to-date information on THC potency and looks at how THC affects the brain, how you become addicted, how marijuana impacts brain chemistry, cognitive function as well as mental and physical health. Research experts and former teen users drive home this message: Marijuana is NOT a benign or safe drug. Stronger doses of marijuana can cause intense and disturbing reactions such as paranoia and hallucinations with permanent damage to cognitive abilities; marijuana limits your ability to learn and retain information; the stronger doses of THC cause more intense highs, putting teens at an even greater risk for car wrecks and other accidents; and marijuana use harms your brain, lungs, liver, heart, and reproductive health.

Grades 7-College 15 min. 2009 DVD-

The Real True & False About Alcohol, Marijuana, and Inhalants

High school narrators lead middle school students through drug-specific sections by asking them “true-false” questions. Middle schoolers respond, giving narrators the opportunity to dispel myths, give truths, and encourage younger students to choose a drug-free lifestyle now. Emergency room doctors, law enforcement officers, and drug-free high school students support the teen guides throughout the program with the strong, positive social norms message: When it comes to alcohol and drugs, the vast majority of teens “don't need ‘em, don't want ‘em, and don't use ‘em.

Junior-High/Senior High 16 min. 2003 V-171

THC, v. 6 (Drug: Uses & Abuses Video Series)

This program examines THC and the cannabinoids marijuana, hashish, and hash oil. Expert commentary is presented by former NFL player Charles Hunt, a pharmacist, a police officer, addiction counselors, a historian, a pastor, recovering addicts, and others. Together, they explain the history and biological effects of THC, investigating its use, abuse, and hazards, and its reputation as a gateway drug.

High School/Adult 30 min. 1999 V-96

Think Twice: Marijuana and Cancer (cc)

This vivid program points out new research that links marijuana smoking with head and neck cancers in addition to the already known risk of developing lung cancer. The video tells the story of a young man, whose chronic marijuana smoking developed cancer of his tongue, neck and jaw and who is now permanently disfigured. Video also reveals the recent research of Dr. Paul Donald who has been studying head and neck cancers in young people. Pictures are shown of many young marijuana smokers who subsequently developed similar cancers. Another physician displays chest x-rays of young marijuana smokers who have developed life-threatening lung cancer. After viewing this video, viewers will think twice before lighting up a joint.

Grades 7-College 20 min. 2002 V-226 or DVD-226