



# **Cannabis**

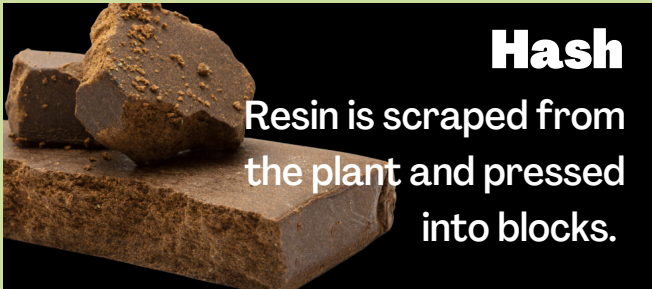
**Dope, Hash, Grass, Ganja**

**Draw, Skunk, Pot, Hemp**

# History

Cannabis dates back to ancient China. It soon became established in India and the use of cannabis was prohibited in 1928. It comes from the hemp plant, it is derived from cannabis Saliva.

## Appearance



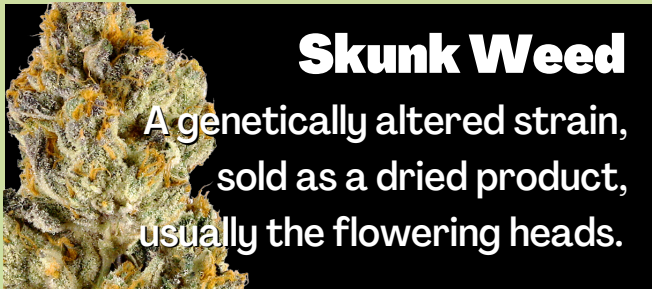
### Hash

Resin is scraped from the plant and pressed into blocks.



### Marijuana

Comprises flowering heads and the best quality leaves.



### Skunk Weed

A genetically altered strain, sold as a dried product, usually the flowering heads.



### Cannabis Oil

Black and extremely sticky, usually very strong.

## Method of use

Eaten, Smoked, brewed as a drink.

# Cannabis Effects

The effects of cannabis last from 20 minutes to several hours and usually makes people feel relaxed and talkative.

Cannabis stimulates the appetite, may enhance the senses and may flatten emotions. It makes concentration or quick reactions difficult. It can also cause tiredness, reddening of the eyes, dry mouth, anxiety, raise the pulse rate and lower blood pressure.

The environment cannabis is used in has a bearing on its effect. If somebody is anxious or depressed it could make them feel worse. If cannabis is mixed with food or drink, it is difficult to gauge amounts and easy to take more than intended.

The effect can be distressing, especially if mixed with alcohol, but rarely dangerous.

Cannabis can induce dormant mental health problems and promote psychosis.

It affects short-term memory and causes reflexes to be slow, making it dangerous to drive or operate heavy machinery.

## Health

Smoking cannabis with tobacco can aggravate any heart condition that may be present.



## Risks

Cannabis is not physically addictive and there are no reported cases of death by overdose. However, psychological addiction is possible.