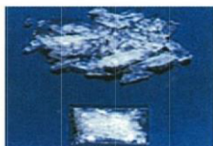


The Risk of Drugs

More and more young people are abusing drugs. Just trying it once is to run the risk of becoming addicted, not only wrecking your own mind and body, but letting down your family and friends and seriously affecting your university career. Even taking a drug once is abuse. Every student should be aware of quite how dangerous drugs are, and be sensible and brave enough not to yield to the temptation.

Dangerous Drugs

Stimulants
(S, Speed)



Cannabis
(Happa, Choco)



MDMA
(Ecstasy, Batsu)



Illegal drugs
(Loophole drugs/
"legal highs")



*Street names/nicknames are shown in brackets

Cannabis (Marijuana)



Cannabis



Cannabis joints



Cannabis resin

According to a report* by the World Health Organization (WHO), the effects of cannabis include effects on memory, reduced learning ability, altered perception, and personality loss, and persistent dependency even after quitting.

**"Cannabis: a health perspective and research agenda" (1997) Programme on Substance Abuse (WHO)

What sort of harm is caused by cannabis abuse?

Cannabis abuse impairs perception, resulting in hallucinations, delusions, a manic state, and other psychiatric problems known collectively as "cannabis psychosis" and causing abnormal behavior and the inability to engage in normal social relationships. It also induces "antimotivational syndrome," with users losing interest in their surroundings and spending all their time lying around with no desire to do anything, to the point at which they seem to have turned into completely different people. Academic and sporting abilities also suffer, and it can affect the reproductive organs. (From a poster issued by Osaka Prefecture)

Not only using and buying or selling cannabis or other drugs are illegal: possession in itself is against the law. Don't be sweet-talked into it, or swayed by false information. Be strong and just say no.

Drug Advice

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External organizations	Pharmaceutical Affairs Division, Department of Health and Medical Care	06-6941-9078
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