

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

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ABOUT MEDICAL MARIJUANA

What is medical marijuana?

Medical marijuana is treatment for some health problems made from marijuana plants. It must be prescribed by a doctor. It has chemicals that can change how you think and feel.



Is medical marijuana safe for me to use?

It may not be safe because it can affect how your brain grows.



What are some risks of medical marijuana?

If you use it, you may harm your body. You could:

- Feel sick to your stomach
- Be more likely to get sick
- Have trouble breathing
- Harm your thoughts and feelings.

You may:

- Have trouble with learning, memory, and focus
- Have trouble getting along with others
- Not want to do the things you like to do
- Feel scared
- Feel very sad
- Be more likely to try to hurt or kill yourself

Some of these problems could get worse when you try to stop using it.



What health problems can marijuana treat?

It may help kids with:

- Certain kinds of pain
- Muscle stiffness and jerks from brain and spine problems
- Upset stomach and vomiting from cancer medicine
- Some types of seizures

We do not know yet if how much it helps is worth the risks.



Where can I get medical marijuana?

You must buy it from a dispensary.



How do I get medical marijuana?

A grown up who cares for you is a big part of getting medical marijuana. To get medical marijuana:

1. You must have a health problem that medical marijuana may help.
2. A grown up who cares for you must get a doctor to sign a form to say that you can use it.
3. A grown up who cares for you to buy it for you. Children cannot buy medical marijuana.

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