

Myths of Marijuana Use:

Marijuana is safe because it is a natural herb.

NOT SO! Many plants are toxic, including Marijuana.

Marijuana has no withdrawal effects.

NOT SO! Users become dependent and suffer from nausea, diarrhoea, insomnia and irritable behaviour when denied access to the drug.

Marijuana is safer than alcohol.

NOT SO! Unless a tiger's bite is considered worse than a lion's.

Today's Marijuana is safer than earlier varieties.

NOT SO! Horticultural development has increased the potency of Marijuana and added many dangerous herbicides.

Marijuana does not lead to other drugs.

NOT SO! All studies indicate that Marijuana use greatly increases a predisposition to other drug abuse.

Marijuana wears off in a few hours.

NOT SO! Comprehension, motor skills and reflexes may be affected for up to 3 days following a single use.

Marijuana increases sex performance.

NOT SO! Impotency is a common problem among male users.

Marijuana expands the mind.

NOT SO! Marijuana clouds the mind, interfering with memory and decision-making processes.

Marijuana relieves stress.

NOT SO! Drugs merely postpone the inevitable and Marijuana can lead to depression.

Marijuana use is not increasing because drug abuse is on the decline.

NOT SO! The levelling of Marijuana use is probably the result of increased availability of other drugs, such as cocaine.