

Women, Pregnancy and Pot

Frequently Asked Questions from

<http://www.ondcp.gov/drugfact/faqs.html#24>

How long can a drug be detected in one's system?

You can view information about drug detection times in the "[Pros and Cons of the Various Drug Testing Methods](#)" table found in the ONDCP resource, [What You Need to Know about Drug Testing in Schools](#). We also suggest you contact a drug testing facility directly for information and assistance.

Where can I find data on drug-related deaths?

Statistics on drug related deaths are available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's annual [mortality report](#). Additionally, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) annual [medical examiner report](#) features drug-related fatalities from selected areas across the United States. In addition to providing the total number of drug-related deaths in each area, the report provides the number of instances individual drugs are involved in drug deaths.

Where can I learn more about the availability of illegal drugs in the United States?

Information on the availability of illegal drugs in the United States can be found in the [National Drug Intelligence Center \(NDIC\)](#) annual report, [National Drug Threat Assessment](#) and the [Drug Enforcement Administration's \(DEA\) State Fact Sheets](#).

Where can I locate information on the price and purity of illegal drugs?

Information on the price and purity of illicit drugs can be found in the [National Drug Intelligence Center \(NDIC\)](#) annual [National Drug Threat Assessment](#) reports. Additional information is available in our publication, [Technical Report for the Price and Purity of Illicit Drugs: 1981 Through the Second Quarter of 2003](#).

Where can I locate information on drug-facilitated rape and sexual assault?

Information about drug-facilitated rape and sexual assault can be found in the [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#) report, [Estimate of the Incidence of Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault in the U.S.](#) For additional information on this topic, please visit the [Date Rape Drugs](#) section of the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) Web site.

Where can I view information about methadone?

Please consult with your physician or treatment provider. You can also contact the following organizations for information:

- [American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence](#)
Phone: (212) 566-5555
[E-mail](#)
- [Center for Substance Abuse Treatment \(CSAT\) Division of Pharmacologic Therapies](#)

Phone: (240) 276-2700

[E-mail](#)

How many juveniles use illegal drugs?

Information and statistics concerning juvenile drug use can be found in the following resources:

- [America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being](#)
- [Juveniles and Drugs Facts & Figures](#)
- [Monitoring the Future](#)
- [National Survey on Drug Use and Health](#)
- [Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System](#)

I am a parent concerned about my child's drug use. Do you have resources that can assist me?

Resources designed to assist parents who are concerned about a child's drug use include: the ONDCP resource, [Suspect Your Teen Is Using Drugs or Drinking? A Brief Guide to Action For Parents](#); the Partnership for a Drug-Free America (PDFA) resource, [Helping Others with a Drug Problem](#); and the [A Family Guide to Keeping Youth Mentally Healthy and Drug-Free](#) Web site.

Additionally, the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) operates a telephone hotline and Web site to assist in locating drug treatment programs throughout the United States if this is something you feel you need. The hotline number is 800-662-HELP. To access program information via the Internet, please visit the [Treatment Facility Locator](#) Web site.

How can I help my friend if he/she is abusing drugs or alcohol?

The following Web sites and resources have been developed for individuals who are concerned about a friend's use of drugs:

- [Helping Others with a Drug Problem](#)
- [Step Up: Have a Friend That Needs Help?](#)
- [Helping a Friend with a Drug Problem](#)
- [A Guide for Teens: Does your friend have an alcohol or other drug problem? What can you do to help?](#)

Where can I view information about medical marijuana?

On April 20th, 2006, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an [Inter-Agency Advisory Regarding Claims Smoked Marijuana Is a Medicine](#) concluding that no sound scientific studies have supported medical use of smoked marijuana for treatment in the United States, and no animal or human data support the safety or efficacy of smoked marijuana for general medical use. There are alternative FDA-approved medications in existence for treatment of many of the proposed uses of smoked marijuana. For example, a prescription drug, Marinol, is currently available to anyone with a doctor's prescription. Marinol contains THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, and has been approved for

some of the same uses as medicinal marijuana. To learn more about "medical marijuana," visit the following Web sites:

- [Medical Marijuana Reality Check](#)
- [Statement by the Drug Czar Regarding Food and Drug Administration Dismissal of Smoked Marijuana as Medicine](#)
- [“Medical” Marijuana – The Facts](#)

What is hemp?

Hemp products are derived from the cannabis plant. These cannabis products often contain the hallucinogenic substance tetrahydrocannabinols (THC). You can view information concerning hemp on the following Web sites:

- [Industrial Hemp in the United States: Status and Market Potential](#)
- [DEA Clarifies Status of Hemp in the Federal Register](#)
- [Exemption from Control of Certain Industrial Products and Materials Derived from the Cannabis Plant](#)

Is information available on why marijuana remains an illegal substance?

The following resources provide information about marijuana and why it remains a controlled substance:

- [Denial of Marijuana Rescheduling](#)
- [Speaking Out Against Drug Legalization](#)
- [The DEA Position on Marijuana](#)
- [Marijuana Myths & Facts: The Truth Behind 10 Popular Misperceptions](#)
- [What Americans Need to Know About Marijuana](#)
- [Why is Marijuana Illegal?](#)

How do I report a suspected meth lab?

To report a suspected meth lab, contact your local law enforcement agency (police department or Sheriff's Office). You may also notify your local [Drug Enforcement Administration \(DEA\) Field Office](#).

Where can I view state-specific data on methamphetamine?

You can view state-specific data on methamphetamine via the [Substance Abuse and Use Data by State](#) section of the [Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) Web site, the [Meth In Your State](#) section of the [MethResources](#) Web site, as well as the [State Factsheets](#) and the [Maps of Methamphetamine Lab Incidents](#) sections of the [Drug Enforcement Administration \(DEA\)](#) Web site.

How do I sign up for the DiscussMeth Web Forum?

Please visit the [Join Our Community](#) section of the [DiscussMeth Web Forum](#) site to sign up and begin communicating with your colleagues.

Is a database of locations that were used in the production of methamphetamine available?

The [Drug Enforcement Administration \(DEA\)](#) has created a [National Clandestine Laboratory Register](#), which contains addresses of locations where law enforcement agencies reported they found chemicals or other items that indicated the presence of either clandestine drug laboratories or dumpsites. Your state-level Department of Public Safety, State Police, or environmental agency may also be able to assist you in locating lab/dumpsite locations.

How can I order the "Life or Meth" resources?

The "Life or Meth" resources created by the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) can be obtained by contacting Midpoint National, Inc. at 800-611-0779. We also suggest you visit the [Publications and Research](#) section of our [MethResources Web site](#) for additional methamphetamine materials.

How should unused prescription drugs be disposed?

You can view information about the proper disposal of prescription drugs in the ONDCP Fact Sheet, [Proper Disposal of Prescription Drugs](#).

How can I report drugs being sold on the Internet?

Please report the sale of drugs on the Internet or emails advertising the sale of drugs to the following agencies: the [Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#), the [Drug Enforcement Administration \(DEA\) Diversion Control Program](#), and the [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) (for prescription drugs). Additionally, the DEA has launched a toll-free international hotline to report the illegal sale and abuse of pharmaceutical drugs: 1-877-RxAbuse (1-877-792-2873). Finally, you may also anonymously report drug activity to the DEA via the [DEA's Submit a Tip](#) Web site.

Are prescription drug monitoring programs effective at controlling prescription drug abuse?

Information on the effectiveness of prescription drug monitoring programs is available in the [U.S. Government Accountability Office](#) report, [Prescription Drugs: State Monitoring Programs Provide Useful Tool to Reduce Diversion](#) and the [Simeone Associates, Inc.](#) report, [Evaluation of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs](#). For additional information, visit the [Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs](#) Web site.

How do I obtain a DEA license/application?

ONDCP does not handle DEA applications or registration matters. Please contact the DEA directly at 800-882-9539 for assistance. We also suggest you visit the [DEA Diversion Control Program](#) Web site for information and resources, including [forms](#) that can be filled out online. There is also a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the Diversion Control site, which you may find useful.

What is doping?

Doping is the use of a substance or method that is potentially harmful to the athlete's health and/or is capable of enhancing performance. It also refers to the presence in an

athlete's body of a prohibited substance or evidence of the use of a prohibited method. The following publications and Web sites provide information on the use of steroids and performance-enhancing drugs:

- [Anabolic Steroid Abuse](#)
- [A Dangerous and Illegal Way to Seek Athletic Dominance and Better Appearance](#)
- [Doping](#)
- [NIDA for Teens: Anabolic Steroids](#)
- [Research Report: Anabolic Steroid Abuse](#)
- [Steroids Facts & Figures](#)

Are resources available on the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by athletes?

Resources on the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by athletes can be found on the [Drugs & Sports](#) section of our Web site, in the [World Anti-Doping Agency Annual Reports](#), and in the [Anabolic Steroid Abuse Research Report](#), produced by the [National Institute on Drug Abuse](#).

What is the potential impact of using marijuana while pregnant?

According to the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#): "Research has shown that babies born to women who used marijuana during their pregnancies display altered responses to visual stimuli, increased tremulousness, and a high-pitched cry, which may indicate problems with neurological development. During infancy and preschool years, marijuana-exposed children have been observed to have more behavioral problems and to perform tasks of visual perception, language comprehension, sustained attention, and memory more poorly than nonexposed children do. In school, these children are more likely to exhibit deficits in decision-making skills, memory, and the ability to remain attentive."

This information can be found in NIDA's [Marijuana Abuse Research Report](#).

Are resources available on how to keep my daughter healthy and drug-free?

Resources on how to keep your daughter healthy and drug-free are available on the [Girls & Drugs](#) section of [TheAntiDrug.com](#) Web site. Additional parenting resources are available on the [Advice](#) section of [TheAntiDrug.com](#) Web site.