

DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS OF CANNABIS INDUCED PSYCHOSIS?

What is psychosis? Psychosis is the term for a collection of symptoms that happen when a person has trouble telling the difference between what's real and what's not.

According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition, "A diagnosis of Cannabis-Induced Psychotic Disorder is given when one or both of hallucinations and delusions are present, the hallucinations and/or delusions developed during or soon after cannabis intoxication, the disturbance does not occur exclusively during the course of a delirium, and the disturbance causes clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning."

These symptoms may be caused by use of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the active ingredient in marijuana that makes users high.

HALLUCINATIONS: Seeing/hearing things that aren't there or smelling/tasting things others don't.

DELUSIONS: Holding false beliefs, even when there is evidence that belief isn't true.

SCHIZOPHRENIA: Having this long-term mental disorder is 5x more likely in cannabis users.

PARANOIA: Thinking computers are bugged, cameras are in the walls, or the FBI is tracking them.

MOOD CHANGES: Becoming more anxious, having a depressed mood, or lacking motivation.

SUSPICION: Being distrustful of other people who are spying on them or "out to get them."

ODD MOVEMENTS: Moving your hands in an odd way, staring blankly into space, or making a repetitive motion.

SUICIDAL: Hearing command voices to kill themselves or having dark thoughts about ending one's life.

MANIC BEHAVIOR: Acting with extreme excitement and hyperactivity, with abnormal energy and racing thoughts.

AGGRESSION: Becoming angry, irritable, or violent toward others.

BEHAVIORAL: Decreasing hygiene, sleep, social activities, athletics, and academics.

OVER-PERSONALIZING: Believing they have special powers, a social media post is about them, or they are famous.

If you have a loved one using cannabis, vapes, dabs, edibles, or any synthetic THC products such as Delta-8 vapes, who demonstrates these symptoms, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR TODAY!

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