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Can Cannabis Cause Psychosis?



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Does cannabis cause psychosis?

Cannabis use may cause 'drug induced psychosis', which can last for up to a few days. It can also contribute to the development of longer-term serious mental illness.

Common symptoms of 'drug induced psychosis' include:

- ❖ Auditory hallucinations (hearing voices that nobody can hear).
- ❖ Visual hallucination (seeing things that nobody else can see).
- ❖ Delusions (believing things that are not true).
- ❖ Jumbled up thoughts.
- ❖ Strange behaviour.

How does cannabis affect somebody who is already experiencing psychotic symptoms?

Using cannabis when experiencing psychotic symptoms can both make the symptoms last longer and make it harder to recover from them.

What about other drugs?

The same problems can arise from using other drugs or alcohol. Research suggests that amphetamines and alcohol, for example, have an even greater effect than cannabis in the development of psychosis.