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THE EFFECTS OF CANNABIS

Cannabis is the world's third most widely-used drug after alcohol and tobacco.

Cannabis Sativa is a herbaceous plant that grows spontaneously in tropical and subtropical regions. It contains more than **400 chemicals and over 66 cannabinoids**.

The use of cannabis is not directly associated with mortality as it does not have any receptors in the brain stem, which is where the neurons that control vital functions are located.

The real problem lies in its long-term effects on the central nervous system.



CONCLUSIONS

- 1** The **use of cannabis** raises the risk of causing or having a traffic accident two- or threefold.
- 2** This **risk is exacerbated** if cannabis is taken along **with other illegal drugs or alcohol**.
- 3** **Routine roadside checks to identify drugs** in saliva can identify the recent use of cannabis.
- 4** **Doctors must inform patients** of the side effects of these drugs, warning them of the need to always have with them a report confirming they are **being treated under medical supervision**.