



# THCA CRYSTALLINE

THCA is a newer product to the market. It is mainly found in legal marijuana dispensaries and has seen increasing in popularity nationwide. The product is known as THCA Crystalline, and is a form of marijuana, that is known on the streets as “diamonds”, “crystals” or “Crystalline”. Visually, this drug **does not compare** to traditional cannabis but resembles the look of methamphetamine or cocaine.

**If you have attended one of my Tall Cop trainings**, you are aware I have been training on this specific drug since early 2017. THCA looks like white crystals (see picture), larger crystals or a white, powder-like substance. This drug will not look like traditional cannabis (a loose leaf, bud or herbal substance). Sometimes flavorings or “sauce” from the marijuana plant, also known as terpenes, will be added to the THCA product. When the terpenes are added, the crystals have more of an amber or brown coloring (or off-white colored crystals). It can be easy to mistake this product as marijuana wax or dabs. THCA **is** a concentrated form of marijuana but is **NOT** a traditional dab (please see the Tall Cop handout on Dabbing). Although, many users smoke THCA in a similar way to concentrates.

THCA  
turns into  
THC when  
heated,  
and once  
heated,  
the THC

content consistently reaches 95-99% THC levels. This product can be smoked out of a bong, also known as an “oil rig,” and / or vaped, as well. As I mentioned earlier, some dispensaries in various states have been selling this product since early 2017. In one case, a user in Washington state said he adds a couple of “rocks” (referring to Crystalline) to his wax and it give him an incredible high.

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# TRAINING BULLETIN

It is very important for all who work in the fields of prevention, enforcement, education and treatment to be aware of a growing drug trend that is VERY popular across the US and Canada. Law enforcement officials and educators from across the country have been locating and dealing with individuals using a non-traditional type of marijuana. This kind of marijuana has the technical term of “dabbing” but is known at the street level as marijuana wax, oils and concentrates.

OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, we have seen many states either reduce criminal penalties or all out legalize marijuana. We have also seen a significant increase in individuals and retail locations growing, distributing and selling marijuana. On the heels of this trend, concentrates have emerged.

Dabbing, or dabs, is a form of marijuana concentrates that strongly resembles honey, wax or butter. Unlike traditional marijuana, the green leafy substance with approximately 15%-25% THC content, this product has much higher THC content. Some individuals have actually encountered this product but truly didn't know or understand that they discovered a form of marijuana.

There are several different methods to creating wax. One of the more popular methods is to use butane and some type of tubing filled with marijuana to extract the THC oils from the product. The THC oil drips into some type of non-stick dish or pad, then the individual burns or cooks off the butane using heat. The finished product has a honey or waxy appearance. (See right). (This is why you will hear this form of marijuana referred to as concentrates, wax, oils, butter, ear wax, honey, BHO for Butane Honey Oil or Butane Hash Oil.)

Using butane, a common fuel, for extraction, has its problems. The use of butane has continually caused BHO lab home explosions all over the country. These explosions have killed and severely burned people, nationwide. The explosions are also causing serious structural damage to their property and neighboring properties. One simple search for butane explosions or butane hash oil explosions provides articles from all across the US and more articles from other countries. The use of butane is not the only method used to create concentrates, but it is the most

popular. The finished product can leave the THC level in the wax/oil in the range of 70-90% THC, well above the average of 15-25% THC.

Once packaged, this product can simply look like a small portion of wax. Concentrates can also put into various food products, known as marijuana “edibles”. Obviously, this changes the delivery method and makes identification more discrete. Edibles can be very difficult to identify and can have a minimal to no odor of marijuana. Edibles can look like candy, snack products or beverages.

Another form of concentrates that should be discussed is referred to as “Shatter” (See above). Shatter is a glassy, amber colored substance that is also a form of wax or concentrate. Shatter generally looks like glass shards or a hard piece of taffy.

After creating the marijuana concentrate, the subject uses a more specific bong or pipe which is called an “Oil Rig” to smoke the wax. A popular way to consume dabs is to use a device that looks like a standard e-cigarette, but is known as a dab vape pen. These specific pen type works for various forms of concentrates and oils,

**This movement is extremely popular with all ages and is evolving quickly as there are many different types of paraphernalia, terms, logos, and concentrate types coming into our communities.**

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# WHAT IS DELTA-8 THC?

AS A NATIONAL TRAINER, I commonly receive drug related questions from across the country. Every year, those questions may vary from vapes to CBD to the newest opioid that is trending. But in 2021 without a doubt, the #1 drug related question that I get, is about Delta 8 THC. This bulletin will highlight some Delta-8 street level drug trends, use, sales outlets and more. I will also review some of the early feedback from youth and adult cannabis users of Delta-8.

**Generally, when referencing the common terms of 'THC', 'weed', or 'cannabis' it means Delta-9 THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol). As I have been teaching in my classes, Delta-9 is what we all know weed to be.**

**OFFICER JERMAINE GALLOWAY**

Delta-8 THC is a compound from the cannabis plant. Many users of Delta-8 feel that it gives them about half the high of traditional weed (Delta-9). Users also report that the high also doesn't last "nearly as long" as Delta-9 THC. You may be asking yourself, "why do they use Delta-8?". During my research scans, feedback gained from professionals, with clients caught using Delta-8, and talking to a handful of toxicologists, there are varying reasons for Delta-8's popularity. Please, keep in mind the reasons for popularity are subjective opinions, expressed by some drug users of Delta-8:

## SO, WHAT IS DELTA-8?

***We are finding Delta-8 in many of the same forms we have traditionally seen Delta-9, including vape cartridges, wax, leaf, mixed with some CBD products etc.***

## **I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME OF THE FEEDBACK ON DELTA-8 FROM PREVIOUS CLASS ATTENDEES:**

Some very valuable info shared from one toxicology lab was that they had commonly seen Delta-8 traveling with Delta-9 test samples...but in early 2020 they began to see some Delta-8 cartridges with little to no Delta-9 and that is what set off the bells in their lab. Also, one of the most common forms of Delta-8, were vape cartridges.

A probation officer called me and shared that he had several clients fail recent drug tests and the clients claimed they had purchased Delta-8 cartridges from a local gas station and were told by the clerk that they would pass drug tests.

Another probation officer said a pregnant female on her caseload told her that Delta-8 helps her with her nausea.

**In regard to the promotion and marketing of Delta-8 THC,  
we are seeing billboards on major highways, marketing in  
shopping malls (where youth frequent), sales of various forms  
in cannabis dispensaries, and sales in the local gas station.**

*If you have questions about the legality of Delta-8 in your city, county or state, please contact your local prosecutor or district attorney, as they are the ones to direct that question.*

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# DIPHENHYDRAMINE

IN RECENT YEARS, this drug has increased in popularity among many drug seekers. Diphenhydramine comes under many brand names, including Benadryl. You may also see this drug

as a generic “sleep aid”. Diphenhydramine is a popular, easy-to-get, and many times, an inexpensive drug.

Diphenhydramine is a synthetic antihistamine. It is commonly used as an allergy medication, antihistamine, sleep aid, cold medication, nausea reducer, motion sickness and more. Diphenhydramine is a depressant and over-the-counter drug that comes in a capsule, tab, or liquid form.

## OFFICER JERMAINE GALLOWAY

### WHY SO POPULAR:

Over the last couple of years, I have received several questions about the street level drug abuse of Diphenhydramine / Benadryl in schools, and on our streets.

For instance, during a drug training in the northwest, had a police officer highlight his observation of multiple boxes of Benadryl, at the scene of an impaired driving crash where various drug use, was suspected, including Kratom (see the Tall City Kratom handout).

FOR MANY OF THOSE WHO TAKE Diphenhydramine for medical use, generally 1 tablet is 25 milligrams (but can sometimes be 50 milligrams). For those who are looking for a drug high, we are seeing dosing upwards of 500 milligrams, which can be fatal. During one recent class, a local health official shared that they had an individual who dosed Diphenhydramine around 1,100 milligrams and it ended up being fatal.

Along with using Diphenhydramine by itself in high doses, others will dangerously mix Diphenhydramine with alcohol, benzodiazepines or other depressants.

In schools, we have seen youth use “dryl” in high doses to try to reach a hallucination-like high. This can be achieved for some when used in very dangerous high doses...several hundred milligrams. In 2020, the FDA sent out a warning about the “Benadryl Challenge” where they highlighted the dangers of large doses of Benadryl:



*We are aware of news reports of teenagers ending up in emergency rooms or dying after participating in the “Benadryl Challenge” encouraged in videos posted on the social media application TikTok.*

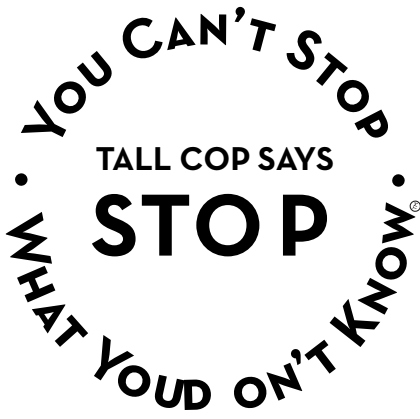
**-SOURCE: FDA**

**Diphenhydramine is that drug that might not stand out in plain sight. Like many of the OTC’s (over-the-counter drugs) it can be dangerous in high doses.**

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# DISPOSABLE VAPES & POD SYSTEMS

This handout will highlight the popularity, differences and common themes associated with disposable vape pens and vape pens that use a removable pod.

## VAPES WITH POD SYSTEMS

These are two part devices that contain a device and a pod which is inserted into the device. See picture below. These pods can be purchased pre-loaded with nicotine (or even cannabis if purchased from a dispensary). They can also be empty and loaded by the user. Each pod will contain an approximate number of “puffs” and once the contents of the pods have been used the pods will generally be thrown away. See photo below for an image of a pod.

## DISPOSABLE VAPES

Also goes by the names of ‘nic’ stick, vape stick or specific vape brand names. Upon purchase, the vape devices are pre-loaded with nicotine vape oils. These vapes range in the number of puffs, usually 200 to 1000 hits. There is no on or off switch for the vape...when the user inhales off the mouthpiece, the device automatically releases the contents. Many times, the devices are small and can easily be held in the palm of the hand (see photo below).

**These devices are sold online, vape shops,  
various convenience stores and smoke shops.  
The price can vary depending on where  
you purchase it and the amount of hits.**



# DRUG SLANG TERMS

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Remember That EVERYTHING Is Person Specific. This Handout Is to Help with Drug Terminology, But Does Not Mean Anyone Automatically is Using or Referencing Any Drug

### A \_\_\_\_\_

**ALCOHOL-** Chelas, Buzzed, Hammered, Faded, Drunk, Blasted, Vino Wine, Suds, Moonshine, Shine and Hooch

### C \_\_\_\_\_

**CBD-** Shortened for Cannabidiol, one (of many) chemical compounds from the Cannabis plant

**COCAINE-** Coke, Rail, Powder, Bump, Ride The White Pony and Dry Wall  
**CRACK COCAINE-** Crack, Rocks and Rock Candy,

**COUGH MEDICINES-** Lean, Double Cup, Sizzurp, Drank, Syrup, Liquid Heroin, DXM, DEX, Robo Trip and CCC

### D \_\_\_\_\_

**DMT-** Deemers, Deems

**DRUG TERMS (General)-** Dope, Work, DTSAB (Down to Smoke A Bowl), Chasing The Dragon and Loud (potent marijuana)

### E \_\_\_\_\_

**ECSTASY-** Molly, Adam, Rolls, E, X, XTC, Thizz, Beans and Lovers Speed

### F \_\_\_\_\_

**FENTANYL-** China White, China Girl, China Town, Tango & Cash and Goodfella

### G \_\_\_\_\_

**GABAPENTIN-** Gaby, Lady Gaba, Neurontin, Pin and Johnnys

### H \_\_\_\_\_

**HEROIN-** H, Smack, Dope, Tar, Brown Sugar, Horse, Skag, Big H, Roofing Tar and Dog Food

### K \_\_\_\_\_

**KRATOM-** Mitragynine, Bali, Maeng Da, Indo, Borneo and Thai,

### L \_\_\_\_\_

**LSD-** Acid, Sid, Cid, Lucy, Blotter, Sheets, Tabs, Microdots and Dots



## M \_\_\_\_\_

**MARIJUANA-** Weed, Pot, 420, Chronic, Reggie (dirt weed), Blunt, Joint, Gas (potent weed), Doobie, Bud, Chronic, Loud (potent marijuana), Kush, Sour Diesel, Indica/Sativa (strains from the Cannabis plant), Moon Rocks, Ganja and Mary Jane

**MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES-** Dab(s), Wax, Oils, Concentrates, Boogers, Ear Wax, 710 (oil upside down) and Shards

**MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES PARAPHERNALIA-** Dab Rig, Rig, Oil Rig (Bong), Dab Pad and Dab Tool

**MARIJUANA SYNTHETIC-** Spice, K2, Fake Weed and many more names

**METHAMPHETAMINE-** Meth, Crystals, Ice, Speed, Chalk, Crank and Shards

**MUSHROOMS-** Magic Mushrooms, Shrooms, Simple Simon and Silly Putty

## N \_\_\_\_\_

**NBOME-** 2C-I, 25-I, Smiles and Happy

## P \_\_\_\_\_

**PCP-** Wet (PCP laced MJ), Angel Dust and Rocket Fuel

**PERCOCET-** Percs, Bananas, 512's and Ercs

## S \_\_\_\_\_

**STASH COMPARTMENTS-** Known Online as a Diversion Safe, Stash Safe and Stash It

**SYNTHETICS DRUGS (GENERAL)-** Spice, K2, Plant Food, Fish Food, Mojo, Potpourri and Incense

## T \_\_\_\_\_

**TOBACCO-** Smokes, Nic Sticks, Nic Stix, Cancer Sticks and Coffin Nails

**TOBACCO (CHEWING)-** Chew, Wad, Dip and snuff

**TRAP HOUSE-** Drug House or Dope House

## V \_\_\_\_\_

**VAPES (general)-** Vape, Vape Pen, E-Cig, E-Cigarette, Mods, Pod Mods, ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery System) and Nic Stix

**VAPES (marijuana)-** Dab Pen (for marijuana), Vape, Vape Pen and Portable Vaporizer

**VAPE CARTRIDGES-** Carts, Mario Carts and Pods

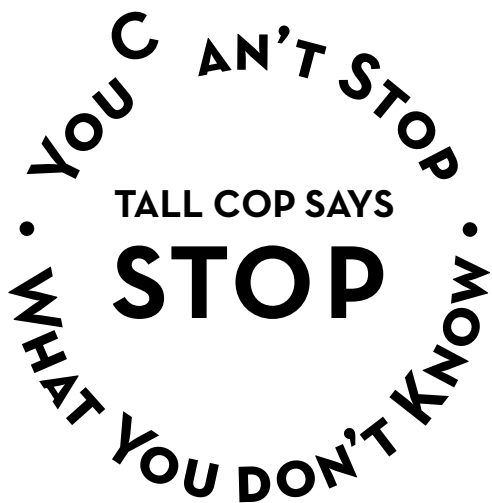
## X \_\_\_\_\_

**XANAX-** Bars, School Buses, Ana, Benzos, Zannies and Stix

## #'S \_\_\_\_\_

**420-** National Stoner Holiday, Universal Time and Day to Get High, 419-Got A Minute and 421-Running Late

**710-** Secondary Stoner Holiday, Oil Turned Upside Down



# THE BASICS OF E-DEVICES OR ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES & VAPORIZERS

THERE SIMPLY ARE NO ABSOLUTES when it comes to one of these devices. Once a person purchases it and takes possession of it they can load it with any product they choose. With that being said, there are devices that can be geared towards specific uses. Basically, you can't just look at a device (even one that you believe might be geared towards drug use) and know it is being used for illegal use. There are some red flags to look for. (See below.)

All types of Electronic vaporizers have become popular; and with that popularity we have seen an upswing in the illegal use of these devices.

E-devices can carry many different uses. Certain e-devices are used for liquid forms of nicotine, liquid flavoring or various forms of marijuana. It can be very difficult to identify what particular devices are truly being used for.

Common terms that you will hear about the devices (used for drug use) are the words "discrete" or "stealthy"

There can be several forms, colors, odors and textures inside of the bowl area of an e-device.

## VAPE PEN AND PORTABLE VAPORIZERS POSSIBLE RED FLAGS:

A coil with what looks like wax, butter, or a small shard of an amber colored substance

A coil or tank that has a tar-like substance within or around the tank area  
Finally, the odor of marijuana

*Dry herb tank  
with tar*

## THE 3 COMMON PARTS OF MANY VAPE PENS:

### 1 THE MOUTHPIECE

The mouthpiece is located on the top of the device and used to smoke the contents of the product in the device. Most mouthpieces can be pulled off or twisted off of the device.

### 2 THE TANK

The tank of the device is generally located on the top or in the middle of the device. This can usually be found by taking off the mouthpiece. The contents will be located within this area. Something of note, the tank can possibly be located on the bottom of the vaporizer, depending on the device.

*Cartridge*

The various different tanks, bowls or cartridges could work for liquids (which could be nicotine, simple flavoring, or an oil version of drugs), dry herbal marijuana or waxy marijuana concentrates.

*Wax on coil*

### 3 THE BATTERY

The battery is generally located on the bottom 2/3 of the vape device. The battery can be pre-charged allowing the user to not need any cords or battery packs for use of the device.



# GLOSSARY OF TERMS FOR MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES, THC EXTRACTIONS\*

## GENERAL

**MARIJUANA:** a greenish-gray mixture of the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and/or seeds of the hemp plant, *Cannabis sativa*, *cannabis indica*, and *cannabis ruderalis*. Marijuana is used by smoking, eating, drinking, inhaling the vapors and applying to the skin. Also known as weed, pot, herb, pot, grass, bud, ganga, Mary Jane, chronic, dope, and hydro among many other slang terms.

**CANNABINOIDS:** The chemical compounds unique to cannabis. There are over 100 known cannabinoids, THC being the primary and most well-known.

### **DELTA-9-**

#### **TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL**

**(THC):** the mind-altering chemical contained in the *cannabis sativa* plant. This is the chemical that gets users high.

**CANNABIDIOL (CBD):** A cannabinoid associated with the medical marijuana community. It is less popular for recreational users because it is not intoxicating. CBD is currently being researched to learn more about its properties.

**POTENCY:** The percentage of THC in a given sample of marijuana. It is widely acknowledged that potency is difficult to calculate due many variations of the *cannabis sativa* plant as well as how it is grown and harvested varies greatly. Most experts agree that THC potency has risen over the last few decades, now approaching up to 30%. Marijuana concentrates

contain even higher levels of THC that could range from 40% to 80%.

**FLOWER/BUD:** The actual flower of the marijuana plant that is harvested and used for the creation of marijuana products. Flower has also been referred to as the “old fashioned” way of smoking marijuana as opposed to use of concentrates.

**HYDROPONICS:** A system of growing plants, including marijuana, without the use of soil.

**KUSH:** A popular strain, or brand, of cannabis plants.

**420:** A way to identify with the marijuana culture. The date, 4/20 is known as a date to celebrate getting high, and the time 4:20, is noted as an “official” time to get high. 420 is found around pop culture, in movies, online, and on shirts and hats.

**EDIBLES:** The term for marijuana that is ingested by mouth. Any edible food or drink that has been infused with cannabis extracts. Baked goods are the most common form of edible, but additional forms include flavored coffee drinks, breads, and candies, among others. Marijuana-infused butters or oils are also sold for individuals to make their own edibles.

**MEDIBLES:** A term for edibles that are sold as “medical”, though the product is the same thing as edibles.

# CONCENTRATES-SPECIFIC

**MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES:**

a highly potent THS concentrated mass that is extracted from the marijuana plant, most commonly similar in appearance to honey or butter. It is known on the street as honey oil or budder. Also knowns THC Extractions or Marijuana Extracts

**BUTANE HASH OIL (BHO):** a highly potent concentrate of cannabinoids made by dissolving marijuana in plant form in a solvent (usually butane). The resulting product is also referred to as budder, honey oil, dabs, or shatter, depending on how it is manufactured. BHO has a very high THC potency. The use of butane in extraction of BHO is cause for safety concerns as it is highly flammable and has resulted in violent explosions.

**WAX:** A common name for marijuana concentrates. It is a softer, opaque oil that has lost it's transparency through the extraction process. Depending on the method used to extract it, waxes may take

on varying consistencies. Waxes tend to be harder, non-transparent oils. Budder and honeycomb are considered versions of wax.

**BUDDER/HONEY/HONEY OIL:**

Slang terms used to describe marijuana extracts using butane. It is waxy in appearance, like honey or butter.

**SHATTER:** A brittle form of BHO. It has the look of transparent amber glass and has a reputation for being the purest and cleanest type of extract.

**DABBING:** The practice of smoking the THC-rich extracts of the marijuana plant, in the form of oils, waxes, or shatter, all of which contain extremely large amounts of THC. The extracts are usually prepared with butane (lighter fluid).

**TINCTURE:** A liquid preparation of marijuana (extract or plant-based) made with alcohol and usually dispensed using a dropper under the tongue.

**TOPICAL:** A preparation of cannabis that has been added to a product, such as lotion or a cream and applied to the skin.

**VAPORIZER:** A smoking device used to consume marijuana or tobacco products by heating the oils and creating a vapor for the user to inhale. There are three components to vaporizers: the cartridge which holds the concentrate, a heating device, and a power source (usually a battery). Vaporizers can be used to disguise marijuana use, as it is more difficult to detect. Users believe this method to be safer than smoking, though there has not been research to support that belief.

**OIL RIG:** A device or bong specially used for smoking marijuana concentrates. Adapters can be added to traditional bongs or pipes.

**710:** upside down, spells "OIL", a common term for dabs and marijuana concentrates. Like 420, 710 is a way to identify with the concentrates culture.

## CURRENT LINKS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/electronic-cigarettes-e-cigarettes>

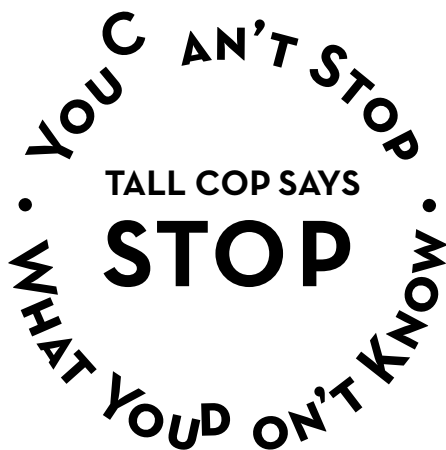
<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>

<https://www.leafly.com/news/cannabis-101/ingest-or-inhale-5-differences-between-marijuana-edibles-and-flow>

<https://www.leafly.com/news/cannabis-101/medibles-101-everything-youve-ever-wanted-to-know-about-edibles> <https://www.leafly.com/news/cannabis-101/glossary-of-cannabis-terms>

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana-medicine>

<https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/resource-center/Publications/marijuana-concentrates.pdf>



# INDICA SATIVA and HYBRID

AS CANNABIS DISPENSARIES CONTINUE TO OPEN in various states, we see more & more products (not always so common) coming out of these locations. Each type of cannabis product, also known as a strain, has a different euphoria “high”. There are many strain names which are very well known to frequent cannabis users. Some of these strain names fall under various THC products, under CBD products. Various strain names can sometimes include the words “Kush” or something starting or ending with the term “Diesel”. As these strains become more commercialized, we can also observe them on t-shirts, billboards, and other cannabis products.

First, there are three different “classifications” of most marijuana products. These are known as Indica, Sativa and Hybrid. Many dispensaries will also refer to these as “strains”. To put it simply, a strain name such as “Kush” will fall under one of the three classifications.

The many forms include leafy/ traditional marijuana buds, edible products like snacks, candy, drinks and other foods, vape cartridges (generally 1/2 to 1 gram in size), and finally concentrates, also known as dabs, wax, butter and oil. **To better understand each strain, please read below:**

## INDICA

According to those who purchase and use this strain, they feel that Indica provides them a

body high, couch locked / sleepy, depressant like effect, a more relaxing & heavier high. It is also said that this strain reduces anxiety.

## SATIVA

According to those who purchase and seek the Sativa strain, they feel more of a head high, providing

more energy, an increase in creativity, similar to a hallucinogen. It is also called the daytime strain.

## HYBRID

Finally, there is the Hybrid strain which I refer to as “a bowl of soup”. This strain is a combination of Indica and Sativa. Hybrids usually lean towards either Indica or Sativa but they do contain both strains.

IN CONCLUSION, remember these designations are made by those who sell and use these three different strains. These forms of cannabis are commonly marketed under these strains. You will see a lot of differing options through online searches or even drug user reports. Also, some believe that many of today's marijuana products are Hybrids simply because many of the plants undergo crossbreeding during production.

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# BULLETIN



The popularity of the drug Kratom (aka *Mitragyna Speciosa*, the plant name) has continued to increase among all age groups. This bulletin will highlight the popularity of Kratom, where it can be purchased along with some of the other names that Kratom trends under.

• **Maeng Da** • **Borneo** • **Bali** • **Indo**  
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## WHAT IS KRATOM? WHY SO POPULAR?

Kratom is a natural herb/plant....it is NOT a synthetic. Meaning Kratom is grown and not made in a lab. Kratom is not regulated in most states and it is not a scheduled drug federally. This basically means you can purchase it in most states at retail stores or you can order it online. Most states do not have an age restriction on Kratom and in states where Kratom is legal there are generally no quantity limits. Many schools districts do have policies that address various (legal) drugs and this could be a policy violation in some of those districts for youth to be in possession of Kratom.

## WHY DO PEOPLE USE IT AND HOW DO PEOPLE USE IT?

This is the big question that really can't be completely answered in a simple training bulletin, but we will address a few of the topics. Kratom is a natural, herbal painkiller. It is a drug that makes its way to the US mostly from other countries, primarily Asia. Many will use it for its painkiller effects and other might use it as "addiction replacement". As for any drug use it is person specific. When discussing drug seekers and Kratom some who use opioids will use Kratom in place of those drugs and others will use it to help with opioid withdrawals. Some might use Kratom in an attempt to avoid being detected on drug tests. Some youth (who might not fall under the above reasons) might gravitate to Kratom due to it being available in retail stores and not regulated in their state.

## BASIC STREET LEVEL INFO:

As highlighted in the photo to the left Kratom will sometimes be marketed under different names or variations of those names. Basically, the different names are different strain types of Kratom. Also, packaging of Kratom can look vastly different due to the fact there is no standardization or consistency with the packaging.

## KRATOM FORMS:

Powder (generally added to tea), capsules, leaf, drink, dropper, mouth spray and vape oil.

## FOR MORE INFO:

-[Dea.gov/factsheets/kratom](https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/kratom)

-[fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/fda-and-kratom](https://www.fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/fda-and-kratom)

## KRATOM FACTS:

Not FDA Approved

Some states have regulations on Kratom  
Can be found in some retail store or online

Might be sold under other brand names  
(but generally will list Kratom somewhere on the package)

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# MARIJUANA: INDICA, SATIVA AND HYBRIDS

**Many Cannabis users and retail (state legal) locations will highlight three different “strains, aka classifications, of Cannabis. These strains are Indica, Sativa, and Hybrid. Product forms include: leaf, edibles, and concentrates (dabs). The particulars for each of the strains are below. (These details are taken from user accounts and interviews.)**

## INDICA

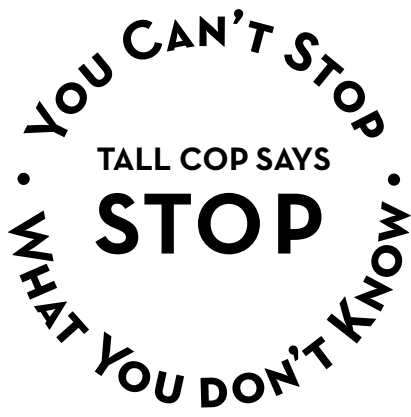
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Couch Locked / Sleepy  
Sleep Aid  
More Relaxing Heavier  
High Reduces Anxiety

## SATIVA

Head High  
“Daytime” Strain  
More Energy  
Creativity  
Can Cause Hallucinations  
Can “Increase Focus”

## HYBRID

Combination of  
Indica & Sativa  
Can also have CBD  
Specific to the  
grower  
Could be Indica or  
Sativa dominant



# IT'S JUST A VAPE PEN, RIGHT?

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**VAPE PENS** are sweeping the country, but what we are quickly finding out (and many people still don't know) is what is actually inside those vape pens. First, there are no absolutes when you talk a vape pen or e- cigarette. There are vapes that work for nicotine, flavored oils without nicotine, marijuana and even synthetics. Many people are vaping marijuana, right in front of you, and you may have no idea. Therein lies the rub.

Now, we are not saying that everyone is smoking drugs out of vape pens. However, a lot of law enforcement officers are finding that many are using them for drugs.

## WHAT'S INSIDE THAT PEN?

Last year in the January/February issue of Campus Safety magazine, I wrote an article on the use of marijuana concentrates and their popularity. Marijuana concentrates and vape pens are the perfect marriage. Concentrates come in oil, wax or crystal form, and the current version of vape pens can work for all three.

Here is where the hurdles occur. You can't simply look at someone smoking from a vape pen and know what is inside that they are inhaling from. So, how can you figure out what someone is actually smoking?

First, we need to understand these pens a little better. The baseline when dealing with vape pens is there are **NO ABSOLUTES**.

When law enforcement officers and the public were first introduced to vape pens,

many of us learned an electric device vaporizes a liquid form of nicotine. Many forms of nicotine are found in vape shops, convenience stores, gas stations, grocery outlets, and even alcohol outlets depending on the state.

Many of the pens you see that are being used for nicotine look similar to some of the pens in the drug world and vice/versa.

## NO ONE SUSPECTS YOU'RE INHALING A DRUG

Over the last few years, vape pens for drug use have become popular. They can be colorful, small and very discrete, with the latter being a large selling point to these various pens. Imagine: sitting in class, at a stop light next to a police car, in a dance club or even in a movie theater taking a hit of a drug and no one around you even suspects drug use? Or sitting in a class room and the



professor turns their back for a few seconds as they write on the dry erase board....meanwhile the person next to you is “vaping” but in actuality are taking a hit of something.

What is that something you ask? If it is a drug, there is a good chance, it is marijuana.

So how can this be done and others might not detect it? As mentioned in the previous article, marijuana concentrates can be hard to detect, carry very little odor and are not a green, leafy substance. Once you place these various forms of marijuana into a quality vape pen, that pen can produce little to no odor thereby reducing or eliminating the known odor of marijuana. Furthermore, the user is receiving a stronger high. Also, any odor that is present, and the lingering smell of marijuana, is reduced, again making it hard to detect.

## **HOW TO DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF VAPE PEN IS BEING USED**

First, you should open it. Inside of the pen you might see a raised wick surrounded by a coil, or a flat coil or just a cylinder. The packed or used residue of the product will be inside these areas.

Wax inside of a vape pen will generally test with law enforcement kits. Also, if the pen had been smoked recently, there sometimes will be the odor of smoked marijuana coming from inside of the pen.

It should be noted that a closed pen, with wax on the inside, will produce very little to no smell. Also, if you choose to open it, I would recommend wearing gloves as you don't know the extraction method or what else it might contain.

**Here are the substances we seem to be finding the most in vape pens during traffic stops, in schools, in hospitals, and in other public places:**

**DRY HERBAL MARIJUANA**

**MARIJUANA WAX**

**MARIJUANA OIL**

In the end, vape pens are hard to identify, offer a new way of use, are VERY discrete, produce less of an odor and therefore can make some means of drug use easier to use and more mobile.

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# ES SOLO UN VAPEADOR ¿VERDAD?

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Los **VAPEADORES** están arrasando en el país, pero lo que estamos descubriendo rápidamente (y mucha gente todavía no sabe) es lo que realmente hay dentro de esos vapeadores. En primer lugar, no hay absolutos cuando se habla de un vapeador o cigarrillo electrónico. Hay vapeadores que funcionan con nicotina, aceites aromatizados sin nicotina, marihuana e incluso sintéticos. Mucha gente está vapeando marihuana, justo al frente de ti, y puede que no tengas ni idea. Ahí está el problema.

Ahora bien, no estamos diciendo que todo el mundo esté fumando drogas con vapeadores. Sin embargo, muchos agentes de la ley se están dando cuenta de que muchos los utilizan para drogarse.

## ¿QUÉ CONTIENE DENTRO?

El año pasado, en la edición de enero/febrero de la revista Campus Safety escribí un artículo sobre el uso de concentrados de marihuana y su popularidad. Los concentrados de marihuana y los vapeadores son el matrimonio perfecto.

Los concentrados vienen en aceite, cera o cristales, y la versión actual de los vapeadores puede funcionar con los tres. Aquí es donde se presentan los obstáculos. No se puede simplemente mirar a alguien que fuma con un vapeador y saber qué es lo que está inhalando. Entonces, ¿cómo se puede saber lo que alguien está fumando realmente?

Primero, tenemos que entender estos vapeadores un poco mejor. La línea base cuando se trata de vapeadores es que NO hay ABSOLUTOS.

Cuando los agentes de la ley y el público conocieron los vapeadores, muchos de nosotros aprendimos que es un dispositivo eléctrico que vaporiza una forma líquida de nicotina.

Muchas formas de nicotina se encuentran en tiendas de vapeo, supermercados, gasolineras, almacenes, e incluso puntos de venta de alcohol, dependiendo del estado.

Muchos de los vapeadores que se ven y son usados con nicotina se parecen a algunos de los bolígrafos usados en el mundo de las drogas y viceversa.

## NADIE SOSPECHA QUE ESTÁS INHALANDO UNA DROGA

En los últimos años, los vapeadores para el consumo de drogas se han hecho populares. Pueden ser coloridos, pequeños y muy discretos, siendo esto último un gran incentivo de venta para estos diversos vapeadores. Imagínate: estar sentado en clase, en un semáforo al lado de un auto de policía, en una discoteca o incluso en un cine dándole una calada a una droga y que nadie a tu alrededor sospeche que la estás consumiendo. O estar sentado en un aula y cuando

el profesor se da la vuelta durante unos segundos a escribir en la pizarra... la persona que está a tu lado empieza a “vapear” pero en realidad se está dando una calada de algo.

¿Qué es ese algo? Si es una droga, es muy probable que sea marihuana. Entonces, ¿cómo se puede hacer esto y que los demás no lo detecten? Como se mencionó en el artículo anterior, los concentrados de marihuana pueden ser difíciles de detectar, tienen muy poco olor y no son una sustancia verde con hojas. Una vez que se colocan estas diversas formas de marihuana en un vapeador de calidad, puede producir poco o ningún olor, reduciendo o eliminando el conocido olor de la marihuana. Además, el usuario recibe un efecto más fuerte. También, cualquier olor que está presente, y el olor persistente de la marihuana, se reduce, de nuevo haciendo que sea difícil de detectar.

## **CÓMO DETERMINAR QUÉ TIPO DE VAPEADOR SE ESTÁ UTILIZANDO**

En primer lugar, debes abrirlo. En el interior del vapeador puedes ver una mecha rodeada por una bobina, una bobina plana o simplemente un cilindro. El residuo empacado o usado del producto estará dentro de estas áreas.

La cera en el interior de un vapeador generalmente se probará con los kits de aplicación de la ley. Además, si el vapeador ha sido fumado recientemente, a veces habrá olor a humo de marihuana procedente del interior. Hay que tener en cuenta que un vapeador cerrado, con cera en su interior, producirá muy poco o ningún olor. Además, si decides abrirlo, recomendaría utilizar guantes, ya que no sabes el método de extracción o qué más puede contener en su interior.

**A continuación están son las sustancias que parece que encontramos en los vapeadores durante los controles de tránsito, escuelas, hospitales y otros lugares públicos:**

## **MARIHUANA SECA CERA DE MARIHUANA ACEITE DE MARIHUANA**

Al final, los vapeadores estilo bolígrafo son difíciles de identificar, ofrecen una nueva forma de uso, son MUY discretos, producen menos olor y, por lo tanto, pueden hacer que algunos medios de uso de drogas sean más fáciles de usar y más móviles.



# XYLAZINE

## What is Xylazine and why is it being cut into heroin and fentanyl?

XYLAZINE IS A VETERINARY MEDICINE used to sedate animals. This depressant is NOT a controlled substance and not FDA approved for human use. When used in veterinary clinics it comes in a liquid form and is generally used before surgery or procedures.

For street level drug use Xylazine also known on the streets at "tranq" is used to enhance and prolong the high of opioids such as heroin and fentanyl. The drug could be in power form or pressed into misidentified pills. Some opioid seekers are not aware Xylazine is present in the drug, and this does increase the risk of overdoses with some being fatal. Xylazine is a cheap "cutter" for opioids and does increase the potency of various opioids therefore. This allows for those who are dealing drugs to maintain a very potent product and will also increase the profit margins.

Something to note is when Xylazine is present, it reduces the effectiveness of Narcan, and in some cases you will not see a reversal of the overdose. When you suspect an opioid overdose, you still **SHOULD** administer Narcan as it will impact the heroin, fentanyl or other opioids.

You have recently seen articles on Xylazine from all over the country, but especially the northeast which is a region that has been hit very hard by this drug. Some of those articles have highlighted "flesh eating drugs". Xylazine damages or destroys the tissue around injection sites leading to large skin and tissue damage and large sores. In some areas where Xylazine is very popular you will see people walking around with large bandages where their sores have been treated by medical personnel or community medical volunteers. **Here is a message that came in during one of the Tall Cop webinars:**

***"P&P from VT here. We have been seeing a lot of individuals with this! Wounds that could not be explained. Had not heard of Xylazine. This makes so much sense. We do not test for this".***

Due to the powerful nature of this drug and open accessibility you can expect to see an increase in popularity of Xylazine in the street level drug supply.

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