

FOUNDATION FOR A DRUG-FREE WORLD

KEY WORD DEFINITIONS FROM THE MARIJUANA DOCUMENTARY AND PSA

PSA: Public Service Announcement.

BRONCHITIS: an inflammation (irritation, swelling, painful condition) of the two branches of the windpipe that carry air into the lungs.

GATEWAY DRUG: a drug which when used may lead to the use of more addictive substances.

HIGH: having a temporary false feeling of happiness, with reduced physical and mental control, by use of alcohol or a drug.

IMMUNE SYSTEM: the immune system consists of all the organs and processes in the body that protect a person from illness and infection.

LACED: a small amount of a drug or alcohol added to something one consumes.

PANIC ATTACK: a very sudden strong feeling of fear or anxiety that prevents one from functioning, often triggered by a past or present source of anxiety.

POTENCY: the strength of something such as a drug or alcoholic beverage.

RESIN: a semisolid substance that comes from the sap of some plants and trees. It is used in varnishes, paints, adhesives, inks and medicines.

RESPIRATORY TRACT: the passage formed by the mouth, nose, throat and lungs through which air passes during breathing.

TOLERANCE: the natural or developed ability to resist the effect of the continued or increasing use of a drug. When someone uses a drug or other substance over an extended period, they are said to build up a tolerance for the effects the drug causes, meaning a gradual loss or reduction of its usual effect.