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The hemp plant, *Cannabis sativa,* native to Asia, is the source of marijuana, hashish, ganga, and bhang. These drugs contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, a **psychoactive** substance that affects the user's brain, changing the way the user thinks, acts, and feels. Bhang is legally used in India as a medicine, as well as in relaxed social settings for pleasure. In many parts of the world, including the United States, drugs formed from hemp are illegal. A different species or type of the hemp plant produces a fiber used to make rope, floor coverings, and cloth.

## See Also

Bhang; Cannabis Sativa;; Hashish; Marijuana.