Does marijuana create thirdhand smoke?

Just like tobacco products, smoking marijuana produces two kinds of smoke: the smoke that the user exhales while smoking and the smoke that comes from the smoldering end of the marijuana cigarette. Burning marijuana produces smoke that consists of a mixture of chemicals that leaves behind thirdhand smoke residue similar to that generated from burning tobacco products. Although smoke from marijuana products has not yet been studied as thoroughly as smoke from tobacco products, it has been shown that marijuana smoke contains some of the same chemicals as tobacco smoke, including some of the same carcinogens. New research has shown that vaping marijuana also produces thirdhand smoke residue. We have known for some time that vaping nicotine produces thirdhand smoke. Now we know that vaping marijuana does too. THC, the active ingredient in marijuana that produces the “high”, accumulates on surfaces in rooms where marijuana has been vaped. Although exposure to marijuana THS residue will not get one “high,” marijuana residue can accumulate on surface, collect in dust, and become embedded in materials.

Sources


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