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## Salvia Divinorum

### Overview

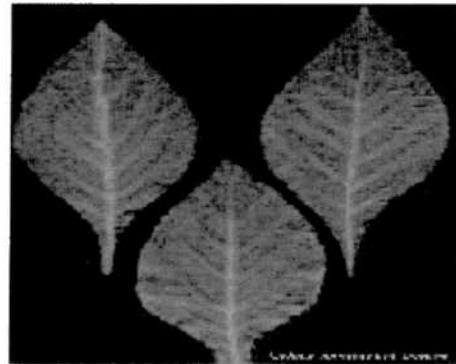
Salvia Divinorum is a perennial herb in the mint family that is abused for its hallucinogenic effects.

### Street names

Maria Pastora, Sally-D, Salvia

### Looks like

Spade-shaped variegated green leaves that look similar to mint. The plants themselves grow to more than 3 feet high, have large green leaves, hollow square stems, and white flowers with purple calyces.



### Methods of abuse

Chewed or smoked.

### Affect on mind

Psychic effects include perceptions of bright lights, vivid colors, shapes, and body movement, as well as body or object distortions. Salvia divinorum may also cause fear and panic, uncontrollable laughter, a sense of overlapping realities, and hallucinations. Salvinorin A, also called Divinorin A, is believed to be the ingredient responsible for the psychoactive effects of Salvia divinorum.

### Affect on body

Adverse physical effects may include loss of coordination, dizziness, and slurred speech.

### Drugs causing similar effects

When Salvia divinorum is chewed or smoked, the hallucinogenic effects elicited are similar to those induced by ketamine, mescaline, and psilocybin.

### Overdose effects

It is not possible to overdose from Salvia divinorum.

### Legal status in the United States

Neither Salvia Divinorum or Salvinorin A has an approved medical use in the United States, but neither are controlled under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). Salvia divinorum is, however, controlled by a number of states. Click [here](#) to find which states have controlled Salvia, and where legislation is pending.

[http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugs\\_concern/salvia\\_d/salvia\\_d.htm](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugs_concern/salvia_d/salvia_d.htm). Since Salvia is not controlled by the CSA, some online botanical companies and drug promotional sites have advertised Salvia as a legal alternative to other plant hallucinogens like mescaline.

### **Common places of origin**

Salvia is native to certain areas of the Sierra Mazateca region of Oaxaca, Mexico. It is one of several plants that are used by Mazatec Indians for rituals and healing. *Salvia Divinorum* plants can be grown successfully outside of this region. They can be grown indoors and outdoors, especially in humid semitropical climates.

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