

## **Cannabis Class**

### **$\Delta^9$ Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC):**

Cannabis products are derived from the plant Cannabis Sativa and Cannabis Indica or hybrids of these two varieties.  $\Delta^9$  Tetrahydrocannabinol is the main psychoactive drug in Cannabis.  $\Delta^9$  Tetrahydrocannabinol may only be detectable in blood for 1-2 hours after use although its psychoactive effects can persist for many more hours after use. The legal limit for  $\Delta^9$  Tetrahydrocannabinol is 1ng/ml in blood.

### **11-Nor-9-Carboxy- $\Delta^9$ Tetrahydrocannabinol (THCA):**

This is the main metabolite of  $\Delta^9$  Tetrahydrocannabinol (see above) which is quickly formed after consuming Cannabis and is a marker of recent use. It is not known to be pharmacologically active. 11-Nor-9-Carboxy-  $\Delta^9$  Tetrahydrocannabinol is detectable for a longer period than the parent drug. The legal limit for 11-nor-9-Carboxy-  $\Delta^9$  Tetrahydrocannabinol is 5ng/ml in blood.