



# DRUG ABUSERS MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIME

Drug abuse is associated with a higher tendency to engage in criminal behaviour and crime.

## VARIOUS OVERSEAS STUDIES DREW A LINK BETWEEN DRUG ABUSE AND VIOLENT CRIMES



- Higher criminal activity during active drug use, with a **six-fold increase** in the number of crime days in Baltimore, US.
- **40% increase** in number of drug-related homicides after decriminalisation of drug use in Portugal.
- Likelihood of committing homicide was nearly **9 times greater** for an individual who had used methamphetamine within the month prior to being arrested, in US.

## RESEARCH SHOWED THAT DRUG ABUSE IS ASSOCIATED WITH CRIMES LIKE THEFT, ROBBERY & BURGLARY



- Likelihood of an offender engaging in drug-motivated theft is **much higher** for a heavy drug user.
- Likelihood of offending was about **3 to 4 times** greater for drug users.
- Illegal drug use increased the odds of committing any crime by **6 times**.

