

Common Drugs, Effects, and Symptoms of Abuse



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TYPE OF DRUG	DRUG NAMES	STREET NAMES	METHOD OF USE	SYMPTOMS OF USE	HAZARDS OF USE
MARIJUANA/ HASHISH, HASHISH OIL	Marinol, THC	Pot, Grass, Reefer, Weed, Sinsemilla, Joint, J, Hash Oil, Columbian, Acapulco Gold, Thai Sticks, Sole	Smoked, orally ingested as in brownies.	Sweet burnt odor on clothing or breath; euphoria, relaxed inhibitions, increased appetite, disorientation, possible paranoia depending on strength of THC content	Impaired memory, perception; interference with psychological maturation; lung, heart, reproduction, and immune system damage
ALCOHOL	Beer, Wine, Liquor, also in food products of many types and medicinal products averaging 25% alcohol	Booze, Hooch, Juice, Brewski's	Oral consumption	Impaired psychomotor coordination; alcoholics feel more euphoria than non-alcoholics; impaired judgement; genetic risk determines other responses to drug	High consumption leads to pathologic organ changes. Death from overdose possible; high accident risk when driving a car; addiction for those at risk
STIMULANTS (drugs that stimulate the central nervous system)	Coke, Flake, Snow, Crack Amphetamine, Biphetamine, Desoxyn, Dexedrine, Ritalin, Methamphetamine, Khat, Sanorex, Tenuate, Ionamin, Mazanor, Methedrine, etc.	Cocaine: Crack, Snow, ICE, Flake PILLS: Speed, Uppers, Pep Pills, Bennies, Dexies, Meth, Crystal, Black Beauties	Cocaine: Snorted, Smoked, or sometimes injected. Pills: Oral consumption; may be crushed up, impurities removed by a solvent or water and injected in a vein.	Euphoria, excitability, increased alertness, increased blood pressure and pulse rate, insomnia, loss of appetite Restlessness, intense short term high	Agitation, death from overdose, depression with suicidal thinking, lung damage, nasal passage damage, risk of poly-drug use to tranquilizers to blunt stimulant effects, heart damage
DEPRESSANTS (drugs that depress the central nervous system)	Barbiturates: amytal, fiorinal, nembital, seconal, phenobarbital, pentobarbital, etc. Benzodiazepines: Valium, Xanax, Librium, Ativan, Dalmane, Serax, Restoril, Tranxene, etc. Other: Equanil, Miltown, Placidyl, Methaqualone (no longer legal made)	PILLS: Barbs, Downers, Yellow Jackets, Red Devils, Blue Devils Methaqualone: Quaaludes, Ludes, Sopors	Pills: Used orally, but may be crushed, dissolved, and then injected.	Slurred speech, disorientation, confusion, impaired judgement, constricted pupils, drunken behavior similar to alcohol without the odor	Death from overdose and rapid increase in tolerance to barbiturates; shallow respiration, insomnia, tremors, delirium, convulsions, anxiety with withdrawal
NARCOTICS & ANALOGS (related drugs produced in labs)	Heroin, Morphine, Codeine, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Dilaudid, Methadone, Fentanyl (used for anesthesia), OxyContin, Other narcotics for pain Percodan, Demerol, Percocet, Darvon, Talwin, etc.	Heroin: H, Horse, Smack, Junk, Dreamer, Cheese Hill Billy Heroin (Oxycontin) Codeine: School boy	Pills: Used orally, but may be crushed, dissolved, and then injected. Heroin: snorted, smoked, injected, subcutaneous "skin popping".	Euphoria, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, nausea, drowsiness, lethargy, needle marks possible on any part of body for regular junkies; slurred speech w/overdose, impaired judgement,	Death from overdose, diseases from needle sharing, clammy skin, coma, slow and shallow breathing, high risk of polydrug dependence with stimulants to enhance or mitigate effects of primary drug
HALLUCINOGENS ANALOGS HALLUCINOGEN-TYPE DRUGS ("Club Drugs") WITH SEDATIVE EFFECTS	LSD, Mescaline and Peyote, Meth-Amphetamine and variants, GHB, Ketamine, Phencyclidine (PCP) and analogs; Psilocybin, etc.	LSD: Acid, Microdot, Window Panes, blotter acid Peyote: buttons, Cactus, mescal PCP: Love Boat, Shermans, Angel Dust, Woodies Methamphetamine: Crystal, Ecstasy, ICE, MDA, MDMA, DMA GHB: Grievous Bodily Harm Mushrooms: Shrooms	Orally; May be injected like crystal methamphetamine; Other hallucinogens may be smoked or made into a tea (peyote, mescaline, etc.)	Slurred speech, blurred vision, confusion, distortion of time and space, sensory distortions, illusions, hallucinations, paranoia, dilated pupils, mood swings, possible aggression, agitation.	Anxiety, depression, impaired memory, flashbacks at any time, emotional and psychotic reactions, death from overdose, organic brain damage from PCP use
INHALANTS	All volatile liquids and gases	gasoline, glues, paint thinner, nitrous oxide, nitrites (amyl, butyl), laughing gas, poppers, whippets (whipped cream charges)		Poor motor coordination, dizziness, impaired vision, violence	High risk of sudden death, brain & liver damage