

DESCRIPTION OF HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS AND ABUSE OF ALCOHOL

Controlled Substances - Uses & Effects

Classification	Drug Name	Common or Brand	Dependence	Potential	Acute Effects	Health Risks and Effects of Long-term Use*	Overdose Effects
			Physical	Psycho-logical			
ALCOHOL	Ethanol	Beer Wine Distilled Liquor	High High High	High High High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowered Inhibitions Impaired Judgement, Vision Loss of Motor Skills, Coordination Slurred Speech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypertension Liver Damage Cardiovascular Disease Toxic Psychosis Neurologic Damage Addiction with Severe Withdrawal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coma Possible Death
NARCOTICS	¹ Opium Morphine Codeine ¹ Heroin Meperidine Other	² Paregoric, Dover S Power ² Morphine ² Tylenol W/Codeine, Robitussin Heroin ² Demerol, Pethadol ² Dilaudid, Lentine, Percodan	High High High High High High	High High High High High High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Euphoria, Drowsiness Respiratory Depression Constricted Pupils Nausea, Vomit Analgesia (Pain Relief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of Appetite Constipation Risk of AIDS & Hepatitis from I.V. Drug Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shallow Perspiration Clammy Skin Convulsions, Coma Possible Death May be Toxic if Mixed with Alcohol
DEPRESSANTS	Chloral Hydrate Barbiturates	² Noctec, Somnos ² Nembutal, Phonobarbitol, Seconal, Tuinol	Moderate High	Moderate High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slurred Speech Disorientation Drunken Behavior Without the Odor of Alcohol Euphoria Lowered Inhibitions Loss of Motor Skills Blackouts Relaxation, Depression Hallucinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addiction with Withdrawal Toxic Psychosis Weak, Rapid Pulse Hallucinations Nausea Seizures Insomnia Anxiety Tremors Dizziness Loss of Peripheral Vision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shallow Respiration Cold, Clammy Skin Blackout Coma Possible Death May be Toxic if mixed with Alcohol
	Gamma Hydroxybutric Acid	Date Rape Drug, Liquid Ecstasy, Cherrymeth,	Moderate-High	High			
DEPRESSANTS	Gamma Butyrolactone Glutethimide Ketamine Methaqualone Tranquilizers	GBL ² Doriden Special K, K ² Optimil, Parest, Quaalude, Sopor ² Equanil, Valium, Tranxene Serax, Xanax, Rohyphal, Dalmane, Dormate, Placidyl, Valmid	Unknown High Unknown High Moderate	Unknown High Unknown High High		High	High
	STIMULANTS	¹ Cocaine ¹ Amphetamine Phenmetrazine Methylphenidate Other Methylenedioxy-methamphetamine	Cocaine Hydrochloride ² Benzedrine, Biphетamine, Desoxy, Dexedrine ² Precludin ² Ritalin ² Cylert, Didrex, Pre-Sate, Sanorex, Voranil Ecstasy, MDMA	Possible Possible Possible Possible Low	High High High High High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feeling of Well-Being Excitation, Euphoria Increased Alertness Increased Blood Pressure, Pulse Insomnia, Appetite Loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delusions, Hallucinations (Toxic Psychosis) Possible Organ/Tissue Damage
HALLUCINOGENICS	¹ LSD ¹ Mescaline ¹ Psilocybin ¹ MDA ¹ PCP	Acid, Lysergic Acid Peyote, Peyote Buttons, Mescalitor Magic Mushrooms, Shrooms Angel Dust, Crystal, Cernylan (Veterinary)	Low Low Low Unknown Unknown	Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dilated Pupils Increased Blood Pressure, Pulse Delusions/Hallucinations Distorted Perception of Time, Space, and Reality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hallucinogens, Especially LSD, may Intensify Existing Psychosis Possible Violent Behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intense Bad Trips Psychosis Possible Sudden Death
	INHALANTS	Airplane Glue Lighter Fluid Aerosols Spray Paints Paint Thinner Gasoline Poppers	Active Ingredient: Toluene Active Ingredient: Naphalene Active Ingred.: Chloroplourocarbon Active Ingred.: Petroleum Distillate Active Ingred.: Petroleum Distillate Active Ingred.: Petroleum Distillate Active Ingred.: Amyl/butyl Nitrite	Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown	Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slurred Speech Drunken Behavior Impaired Judgement Poor Coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hallucinations Possible Damage to Bone Marrow, Lungs, Kidneys, Liver, Heart, Brain, Eyes
CANNABIS	¹ Marijuana ¹ Hashish ¹ Hash Oil	Grass, Pot, Weed, Dope Hash	Low Low Low	Moderate Moderate Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tachycardia, Reddened Eyes Euphoria, Profound Humor Altered Time/Space Perception Short-Term Memory Loss Increased Appetite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiovascular Damage as with Smoking Tobacco 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insomnia, Hyperactivity Panic Attacks, Paranoia Possible Toxic Reaction if Treated w/other Chemicals
TOBACCO	Nicotine	Cigarettes Cigars	Moderate Moderate	High High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxation Stimulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiovascular Disease Respiratory Illness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Death at very High Dosage Levels

* Alcohol and other drug use during pregnancy increases risk of physical harm to fetus

² Psychoactive drug effects refer to use at a greater than prescribed therapeutic dosage level

¹ Additional risk of harm from toxic impurities in street drugs