

Commonly Abused Drugs

Substance: Category and Name	Examples of Commercial and Street Names	DEA Schedule*/ How Administered**	Intoxication Effects/Potential Health Consequences
Cannabinoids			<i>euphoria, slowed thinking and reaction time, confusion, impaired balance and coordination/cough, frequent respiratory infections; impaired memory and learning; increased heart rate, anxiety; panic attacks; tolerance, addiction</i>
hashish	boom, chronic, gangster, hash, hash oil, hemp	I/swallowed, smoked	
marijuana	blunt, dope, ganja, grass, herb, joints, Mary Jane, pot, reefer, sinsemilla, skunk, weed	I/swallowed, smoked	
Dissociative Anesthetics			<i>increased heart rate and blood pressure, impaired motor function/memory loss; numbness; nausea/vomiting</i> <i>Also, for ketamine—at high doses, delirium, depression, respiratory depression and arrest</i> <i>for PCP and analogs—possible decrease in blood pressure and heart rate, panic, aggression, violence/loss of appetite, depression</i>
ketamine	<i>Ketalar SV</i> ; cat Valiums, K, Special K, vitamin K	III/injected, snorted, smoked	
PCP and analogs	<i>phencyclidine</i> ; angel dust, boat, hog, love boat, peace pill	I, II/injected, swallowed, smoked	

Depressants			
barbiturates	<i>Amytal, Nembutal, Seconal, Phenobarbital;</i> barbs, reds, red birds, phennies, tooies, yellows, yellow jackets	II, III, V/injected, swallowed	<p><i>reduced pain and anxiety; feeling of well-being; lowered inhibitions; slowed pulse and breathing; lowered blood pressure; poor concentration/confusion, fatigue; impaired coordination, memory, judgment; respiratory depression and arrest, addiction</i></p> <p><i>Also, for barbiturates—sedation, drowsiness/depression, unusual excitement, fever, irritability, poor judgment, slurred speech, dizziness</i></p> <p><i>for benzodiazepines—sedation, drowsiness/dizziness</i></p> <p><i>for flunitrazepam—visual and gastrointestinal disturbances, urinary retention, memory loss for the time under the drug's effects</i></p> <p><i>for GHB—drowsiness, nausea/vomiting, headache, loss of consciousness, loss of reflexes, seizures, coma, death</i></p> <p><i>for methaqualone—euphoria/depression, poor reflexes, slurred speech, coma</i></p>
Benzodiazepines (other than flunitrazepam)	<i>Ativan, Halcion, Librium, Valium, Xanax;</i> candy, downers, sleeping pills, tranks	IV/swallowed	
flunitrazepam***	<i>Rohypnol;</i> forget-me pill, Mexican Valium, R2, Roche, roofies, roofinol, rope, rophies	IV/swallowed, snorted	
GHB***	<i>gamma-hydroxybutyrate;</i> G, Georgia home boy, grievous bodily harm, liquid ecstasy	under consideration/swallowed	
methaqualone	<i>Quaalude, Sopor, Parest;</i> ludes, mandrex, quad, quay	I/injected, swallowed	

Hallucinogens			
LSD	<i>lysergic acid diethylamide</i> ; acid, blotter, boomers, cubes, microdot, yellow sunshines	l/swallowed, absorbed through mouth tissues	<i>altered states of perception and feeling; nausea/chronic mental disorders, persisting perception disorder (flashbacks)</i> <i>Also, for LSD and mescaline—increased body temperature, heart rate, blood pressure; loss of appetite, sleeplessness, numbness, weakness, tremors</i> <i>for psilocybin—nervousness, paranoia</i>
mescaline	buttons, cactus, mesc, peyote	l/swallowed, smoked	
psilocybin	magic mushroom, purple passion, shrooms	l/swallowed	

Opioids and Morphine Derivatives		
Codeine	<i>Empirin with Codeine, Fiorinal with Codeine, Robitussin A-C, Tylenol with Codeine; Captain Cody, Cody, schoolboy; (with glutethimide) doors & fours, loads, pancakes and syrup</i>	II, III, IV/injected, swallowed
Fentanyl	<i>Actiq, Duragesic, Sublimaze; Apache, China girl, China white, dance fever, friend, goodfella, jackpot, murder 8, TNT, Tango and Cash</i>	II/injected, smoked, snorted
heroin	<i>diacetylmorphine; brown sugar, dope, H, horse, junk, skag, skunk, smack, white horse</i>	I/injected, smoked, snorted
morphine	<i>Roxanol, Duramorph; M, Miss Emma, monkey, white stuff</i>	II, III/injected, swallowed, smoked
opium	<i>laudanum, paregoric; big O, black stuff, block, gum, hop</i>	II, III, V/swallowed, smoked

pain relief, euphoria, drowsiness/respiratory depression and arrest, nausea, confusion, constipation, sedation, unconsciousness, coma, tolerance, addiction

Also, for codeine—less analgesia, sedation, and respiratory depression than morphine

for heroin—staggering gait

Stimulants			
amphetamine	<i>Adderall, Biphphetamine, Dexedrine;</i> bennies, black beauties, crosses, hearts, LA turnaround, speed, truck drivers, uppers	II/injected, swallowed, smoked, snorted	<i>increased heart rate, blood pressure, metabolism; feelings of exhilaration, energy, increased mental alertness/rapid or irregular heart beat; reduced appetite, weight loss, heart failure</i> <i>Also, for amphetamine—rapid breathing; hallucinations/ tremor, loss of coordination; irritability, anxiousness, restlessness, delirium, panic, paranoia, impulsive behavior, aggressiveness, tolerance, addiction</i> <i>for amphetamine—increased temperature/chest pain, respiratory failure, nausea, abdominal pain, strokes, seizures, headaches, malnutrition</i>
Cocaine	<i>Cocaine hydrochloride;</i> blow, bump, C, candy, Charlie, coke, crack, flake, rock, snow, toot	II/injected, smoked, snorted	<i>for cocaine—increased temperature/chest pain, respiratory failure, nausea, abdominal pain, strokes, seizures, headaches, malnutrition</i> <i>for cocaine—mild hallucinogenic effects, increased tactile sensitivity, empathic feelings, hyperthermia/impaired memory and learning</i>
MDMA (methylenedioxy-methamphetamine)	<i>DOB, DOM, MDA; Adam, clarity, ecstasy, Eve, lover's speed, peace, STP, X, XTC</i>	I/swallowed	<i>for MDMA—mild hallucinogenic effects, increased tactile sensitivity, empathic feelings, hyperthermia/impaired memory and learning</i> <i>for MDMA—aggression, violence, psychotic behavior/memory loss, cardiac and neurological damage; impaired memory and learning, tolerance, addiction</i>
methamphetamine	<i>Desoxyn; chalk, crank, crystal, fire, glass, go fast, ice, meth, speed</i>	II/injected, swallowed, smoked, snorted	<i>for methamphetamine—aggression, violence, psychotic behavior/memory loss, cardiac and neurological damage; impaired memory and learning, tolerance, addiction</i>
methylphenidate	<i>Ritalin; JIF, MPH, R-ball, Skippy, the smart drug, vitamin R</i>	II/injected, swallowed, snorted	

Nicotine	bidis, chew, cigars, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, spit tobacco	not scheduled/smoked, snorted, taken in snuff and spit tobacco	<p><i>for methylphenidate—increase or decrease in blood pressure, psychotic episodes/digestive problems, loss of appetite, weight loss</i></p> <p><i>for nicotine—tolerance, addiction; additional effects attributable to tobacco exposure - adverse pregnancy outcomes, chronic lung disease, cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer</i></p>
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Other Compounds

Anabolic steroids	<i>Anadrol, Oxandrin, Durabolin, Depo-Testosterone, Equipoise; roids, juice</i>	III/injected, swallowed, applied to skin	<i>no intoxication effects/hypertension, blood clotting and cholesterol changes, liver cysts and cancer, kidney cancer, hostility and aggression, acne; adolescents, premature stoppage of growth; in males, prostate cancer, reduced sperm production, shrunken testicles, breast enlargement; in females, menstrual irregularities, development of beard and other masculine characteristics</i>
inhalants	<i>Solvents (paint thinners, gasoline, glues), gases (butane, propane, aerosol propellants, nitrous oxide), nitrites (isoamyl, isobutyl, cyclohexyl); laughing gas, poppers, snappers, whippets</i>	not scheduled/inhaled through nose or mouth	<i>stimulation, loss of inhibition; headache; nausea or vomiting; slurred speech, loss of motor coordination; wheezing/unconsciousness, cramps, weight loss, muscle weakness, depression, memory impairment, damage to cardiovascular and nervous systems, sudden death</i>

*Schedule I and II drugs have a high potential for abuse. They require greater storage security and have a quota on manufacturing, among other restrictions. Schedule I drugs are available for research only and have no approved medical use; Schedule II drugs are available only by prescription (unrefillable) and require a form for ordering. Schedule III and IV drugs are available by prescription, may have five refills in 6 months, and may be ordered orally. Most Schedule V drugs are available over the counter.

**Taking drugs by injection can increase the risk of infection through needle contamination with staphylococci, HIV, hepatitis, and other organisms.

***Associated with sexual assaults.