

# facts.. COMMON DRUGS OF ABUSE

	Drugs	Brand or Common Names	Slang Terms	Medical Uses	Duration of Effects	Methods of Use	Possible Effects	Effects of Overdose	Withdrawal Symptoms				
Narcotics	Opium	Laudanum, Paregoric	Big O, Joy Plant, Opium	Analgesic, Anti-Diarrheal	3 to 6 Hours	Oral, Smoked	Euphoria, Drowsiness, Respiratory Depression, Constricted Pupils, Nausea, Itching Skin, Constipation, Addiction <i>Permanent Parkinson's Symptoms (for MPTP only)</i>	Slow and Shallow Breathing, Clammy Skin, Convulsions, Coma, Death	Watery Eyes, Runny Nose, Loss of Appetite, Yawning, Irritability, Tremors, Panic, Chills and Sweating, Cramps and Nausea, Possible Death				
	Morphine	Duramorph, Morphine, Roxanol	M, Miss Emma, Monkey, White Stuff	Analgesic, Antitussive		Oral, Injected, Smoked							
	Codeine	Codeine, Robitussin-AC, Tylenol with Codeine	School Boy, Subs										
	Hydrocodone	Anexsia, Hycodan, Hycodone, Lorcet, Tussionex Tylox, Vicodin	Hykes	Analgesic		Oral							
	Hydromorphone	Dilaudid	Beans, D's, Little D, Lords										
	Meperidine and Analogs	Demerol, Dolantol, Pethadol, Isonipicaine, Mepergan, MPPP, MPTP	D-37, Demies, Doctors, New Heroin	None		Oral, Injected							
	Heroin	Diacetylmorphine	Black Tar, Brown, Dust, Horse, H, Junk, Smack	Analgesic, Anesthetic		Injected, Snorted, Smoked, Transdermal Patch (for Fentanyl and Analogs only)							
	Fentanyl and Analogs	Alfenta, Innovar, Sublimaze, Sufenta	China White										
	Oxycodone	Percocet, Percodan, Roxicet, Roxicodone	Percs, Pink Spoons	Analgesic		Oral							
	Methadone and Related Drugs	Darvon, Darvocet-N, Dolophine, LAAM, Methadone, Methadose	Dollies, Dolls, Wafer	Analgesic, Heroin Substitute Treatment of Narcotic Dependence		Oral, Injected							
Pentazocine	Talwin	T's, B's	Analgesic	Oral, Injected									
Depressants	Alcohol	Ale, Beer, Beverage Alcohol, Brandy, Distilled Spirits, Ethanol, Liqueur, Whiskey, Wine, Vodka	Booze, Brew, Hooch	Mild Sedative, To Induce Sleep, To Improve Appetite and Digestion (also as a solvent for other drugs)	Dose Related	Oral	Nausea, Altered Hand-Eye Coordination, Vision and Sleep Disturbance, Impaired Judgment and Sexual Performance, Liver and Brain Damage, Pancreatitis, Ulcers, Heart Disease, Increased Blood Pressure, Malnutrition, Impaired Immune Functions, Addiction	Alcohol Poisoning, Respiratory Depression, Death	Trembling, Anxiety, Anorexia, Insomnia, Convulsions, Confusion, Hallucinations, Possible Delirium Tremens (DTs), Paranoia				
	Flunitrazepam	Rohypnol	Forget-Me Pill, Roach, Roofies, Rope	None	8 to 12 Hours								
	Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB)	GHB	G, Grievous Bodily Harm, Liquid Ecstasy		90 Minutes to 4 Hours								
	Ketamine Hydrochloride (Ketamine)	Ketamine	Cat Valiums, K, Special K, Vitamin K	Anesthetic	3 Hours to Several Weeks					Oral, Injected, Smoked, Snorted	Slurred Speech, Delirium and Attention Impairment, Altered Mood, Loss of Hand-Eye Coordination, Psychosis, Addiction	Impairment of Learning Ability, Memory Loss, Slow and Shallow Respiration, Cold and Clammy Skin, Convulsions, Depression, Sleep Disorders, Aggression, Coma, Death	Anxiety, Insomnia, Irritability, Tremors, Delirium, Convulsions, Chills and Sweating, Cramps and Nausea, Possible Death
	Barbiturates	Amobarbital, Amytal, Butalbital, Butisol, Phenobarbital, Pentobarbital, Seconal, Secobarbital, Tuinal	Barbs, Phennies, Reds, Red Birds, Tooles, Yellows, Yellow Jackets	Anti-Convulsant, Sedative, Hypnotic	1 to 16 Hours					Oral, Injected	Slurred Speech, Disorientation, "Drunken" Behavior, Diminished Coordination, Increased Reflex Time, Addiction	Slow and Shallow Respiration, Cold and Clammy Skin, Dilated Pupils, Weak and Rapid Pulse, Coma, Death	
	Methaqualone	Mecquin, Parest, Quaalude, Sopor	Lude, Mandrex, Quay, Quad	None	4 to 8 Hours								
	Benzodiazepines	Ativan, Azene, Clonopin, Dalmane, Diazepam, Halcion, Librium, Restoril, Serax, Tranxene, Valium, Xanax	Candy, Downers, Sleeping Pills	Anti-Anxiety, Anti-Convulsant, Sedative, Hypnotic	4 to 12 Hours								
Other Depressants	Chloral Hydrate (with Ethanol), Doriden, Equanil, Lidocaine, Miltown, Noludar, Novocaine, Placidyl, Valmid	Muscle Relaxants, Sleeping Pills (Mickey Finn, Knock-Out Drops), Tranquilizers		Variable	Oral, Injected, Smoked, Snorted								
Stimulants	Cocaine	Cocaine, Crack	C, Candy, Coke, Flake, Rock, Snow, Toot	Most medical uses are obsolete due to safer drugs now available.	1 to 2 Hours	Oral, Injected, Smoked, Snorted	Increased Alertness, Excitation, Euphoria, Increased Pulse Rate and Blood Pressure, Insomnia, Loss of Appetite, Addiction	Agitation, Increase in Body Temperature, Hallucinations, Convulsions, Memory Loss, Extreme Anorexia, Respiratory Failure, Stroke, Heart Attack, Death, Increased Risk of Parkinson's Disease (for Methamphetamine only)	Apathy, Long Periods of Sleep, Irritability, Depression, Disorientation, Suicidal Ideation, Nasal Discharge, Runny Nose, Tremors				
	Methylphenidate (Ritalin)	Ritalin	None	Treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Narcolepsy	2 to 4 Hours	Oral, Injected							
	Amphetamines	Benzedrine, Biphentamine, Delobese, Dexedrine, Peaches, Pep Pills, Truck Drivers, Speed, Uppers	Bennies, Black Beauties, Dexies, Hearts, LA Turnarounds, Peaches, Pep Pills, Truck Drivers, Speed, Uppers	Treatment of Obesity (for Amphetamines and Methamphetamine only)	2 to 4 Hours	Oral, Injected, Smoked							
	Methamphetamine	Desoxyn	Chalk, Crank, Crystal, Glass, Go Fast, Ice, Meth, Speed		1 to 2 Hours	Oral							
	Caffeine	Caffeinated Soft Drinks, Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, No-Doz, Vivarin	Java, Go Juice, Joe, Mud (for Coffee only)	Treatment of Headaches (Usually in Combination Products), Mild Stimulant	1 to 2 Hours	Oral				Altered Mood and Sleep Patterns, Heartburn, Muscle Twitches, Addiction	Jitters, Sensory Disturbances, Elevated Blood Pressure, Heart Arrhythmias, Headache, Tinnitus, Anxiety, Sleep Disturbances, Possible Respiratory Failure	Headache, Drowsiness, Lethargy, Yawning, Irritability, Nervousness, Depression, Nausea	
	Tobacco (Nicotine)	Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipe Tobacco, Smokeless Tobacco	Cancer Stick, Coffin Nail, Cig, Chew, Chaw, Dip, Stogie	None for Tobacco, As a Gum or Transdermal Patch for Smoking Cessation	Several Minutes	Oral, Smoked, Dipped, Sniffed				Short-term Use Increases Heart Rate, Blood Pressure and Respiration, Chronic Use Can Cause Respiratory Diseases (e.g., Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Emphysema, Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease, Lung Cancer; Cardiovascular Disease); Coronary Heart Disease; Stroke; Ulcers and Cancer of the Mouth, Throat, Esophagus, Pancreas, Uterus, Cervix, Kidney and Bladder; and Addiction	Rare in Tobacco Form (Pure Nicotine is Lethal)	Depression, Anxiety, Irritability, Restlessness, Sleep Disturbances, Difficulty in Concentrating, Constipation, Tremors, Craving, Weight Gain	
Hallucinogens	Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)	LSD	Acid, Blotter, Boomers, Cubes, Microdot, Windowpanes	None	8 to 12 Hours	Oral	Illusions and Hallucinations, Poor Perception of Time and Distance, Impaired Hand-Eye Coordination, Sensory Crossover, Psychosis, Chills and Sweating, Sleeplessness, Increased Heart Rate and Blood Pressure, Violence, Out-of-Body Experiences, Addiction	Longer and More Intense Trip, Psychosis, Death	Classic Withdrawal Syndrome Not Reported				
	Mescaline and Peyote	Mescal	Beans, Big Chief, Buttons, Cactus, Mesc		Variable								
	Amphetamine Variants	DOM, DOB, MDA, NEXUS, 2C-B	Eve, Love Drug, Peace, STP		Up to 4 Days								
	Phencyclidine (PCP)	Sernylan, Phencyclidine (PCP)	Angel Dust, Hog, PCP, Peace Pill		30 Minutes to Several Hours	Oral, Injected							
	Psilocybin and Psilocyn	Cononocybe, Psolocybe, Stropharia	Magic Mushrooms, Purple Passion, Shrooms		3 Hours to Several Weeks	Oral							
	Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)	MDMA	Adam, Ecstasy, X, XTC										
Cannabis	Marijuana	Acapulco Gold, Sinsemilla	Dope, Grass, Mary Jane, Pot, Reefer, Skunk, Weed	Anti-Nauseant	2 to 4 Hours	Oral, Smoked	Euphoria, Relaxed Inhibitions, Increased Appetite, Disoriented Behavior, Altered Coordination of Reflexes, Altered Perception of Time and Distance, Addiction	Fatigue, Paranoia, Psychosis	Insomnia, Hyperactivity and Decreased Appetite Occasionally Reported				
	Tetrahydrocannabinol	THC, Marinol	Delta-9, TAC, THC, TIC	None									
	Hashish	Hash	Hash, PBJ	None									
	Hashish Oil	Hashish Oil	Hash Oil, Oil	None									
Inhalants	Volatile Solvents	Adhesives, Deodorants, Gasoline, Hairspray, Liquid Paper, Paint Thinner, Rubber Cement, Spray Paint, Vegetable Spray	Sniffing, Glue Sniffing, Huffing	None	15 Minutes to 1 Hour	Sniffed	Slurred Speech, Euphoria, Nausea, Fainting, Stupor, Rapid Heartbeat, Anoxia, Smooth Muscle Relaxation, Lowered Blood Pressure, Headache, Respiratory Depression, Hallucinations, Seizures, Nosebleeds, Abdominal Pain, Impaired Immune Function, Loss of Appetite, Addiction	Damage to Circulatory System, Lungs, Liver, Kidneys, Bone Marrow and Brain, Suffocation, Choking, Anemia, Stroke, "Sudden Sniffing Death"	Runny Nose, Insomnia, Increased Appetite, Depression, Irritability, Headache, Cramps, Nausea, Tremors				
	Nitrites	Butyl Nitrite	Bolt, Climax, Locker Room, Poppers, Rush	Angina	2 to 3 Minutes								
	Anesthetics	Chloroform, Ether, Halothane, Nitrous Oxide	Laughing Gas, Whippets	Medical and Dental Anesthesia	2 to 10 Minutes								
	Anabolic Steroids	Anadrol-50, Cypionate, Deca, Deca-Durabolin, Decanoate, Delatestryl, Depo-Testosterone, Durabolin, Enanthate, Nortestosterone, Phenpropionate	Rhoids, Juice	Anemia, Breast Cancer, Hypogonadism	14 to 28 Days					Oral, Injected	Men: Impotence, Reduced Sperm Count, Shrinking of Testicles, Baldness, Difficulty or Pain in Urinating, Development of Breast, Enlarged Prostate; Women: Growth of Facial Hair, Cessation of Changes in Menstrual Cycle, Enlargement of Clitoris, Deepened Voice, Breast Reduction; Both: Acne, Jaundice, Trembling, Swelling of Feet or Ankles, Bad Breath, Reduction in HDL ("good" cholesterol), High Blood Pressure, Aching Joints, Increased Chance of Injury, Irritability, Delusions, Impaired Judgment, Paranoia, Extreme Mood Swings	Liver Damage, Cancer, Stunted Growth in Adolescents	Depression, Anxiety, Paranoia, Irritability