

HEROIN

Heroin is considered the world's worst drug. It is a fast-acting, semi-synthetic opioid made from morphine. It creates feelings of well-being and happiness in a user's brain but ultimately leads to tolerance, withdrawal, and addiction. Long term use causes permanent changes in the brain which affect how a user thinks and behaves. Heroin is illegal to make, sell, or possess.

DRUG_I.D.

Looks: Heroin comes in three forms: black tar, brown powder, and white powder.

Street Names: Smack, Tar, Junk, Skag, H, Dope, Horse, Fix

Methods of Use: Injected, Smoked or Snorted

Actions: The short term effects include a warm flushing of the skin or euphoria, dry mouth, clouded mental functions, nausea, vomiting and severe itching.

Warning Signs: Sleepiness or nodding off, unexplained periods of happiness followed by fatigue and confusion. A decline in responsibility and work performance.

TRAGEDIES

First time heroin use rose 81% over the last ten years. An average of 600 people try heroin for the first time every single day. In the same time frame, overdose deaths have more than doubled and more people are now killed by heroin-related overdose than by gun violence.

OPIOIDS: A
DEADLY
EPIDEMIC



EFFECTS_OF_USE

- Collapsed Veins
- Heart Infections
- Abscesses
- Liver or Kidney Disease
- Respiratory Distress
- Withdrawal
- Overdose
- Addiction
- Death



WAY_TO_GO

The U.S. is in the middle of a heroin epidemic, largely due to abusers of prescription drugs looking for a high that is cheaper and easier to get. Heroin use between 18-25 year olds has doubled and effects people of every income level, gender, age and race.

Drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States. There are permanent health risks associated with heroin use, including damage to the liver and kidneys, and brain damage.

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