

PURPLE DRANK

Purple Drank is a beverage made by mixing soda, candy and codeine with promethazine. These ingredients which are found in prescription cough medicines, have powerful affects on the mind and body.

Rappers and hip-hop artists have helped to popularize this dangerous mix by promoting it in their music and the media.

DRUG_I.D.

Looks: Liquid beverage that gets its coloring from the mixture of the soda, candy, and cough syrup.

Street Names: Sizzurp, Lean, Purple Sprite, Purple Jelly, Texas Tea, Sip-Sip

Methods of Use: Ingested by drinking

Actions: Codeine slows the functioning of the brain, while promethazine intensifies that effect. Causes the user to become unbalanced and uncoordinated.

Warning Signs: Impaired motor function, slowed respiratory system, cardiac arrest

TRAGEDIES

Purple Drank is linked to many deaths from the potential side effects. This list includes rappers DJ Screw, Big Moe, and Pimp C.

Rapper Lil' Wayne gave an interview in which he described trying to quit Purple Drank, "It ain't that easy – feels like death in your stomach when you stop..."

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USE_BY_USE

- Slowed and slurred speech
- Loss of balance/coordination
- Drowsiness
- Uncontrolled heart rate

USING_OVER_TIME

- Addiction
- Lethargy
- Central nervous system damage
- Brain damage/Seizures
- Death

WAY_TO_GO

Even with a prescription for codeine and promethazine, it is illegal to use them for the purpose of making Purple Drank. By slowing down the brain's functions, it can lead to death with just one use.