

TYPES OF DRUGS

Marijuana

The most commonly used drug. Marijuana is a mind-altering drug which distorts perception and diminishes motor skills. Known as a “gateway drug,” marijuana frequently opens the door for curiosity and experimentation with other drugs. Frequent use can lead to dependence and marijuana can have a negative impact on the mind.

Stimulants

Stimulants speed up the heart rate and raise blood pressure. This over-stimulates the body to feel energized but also causes anxiety and paranoia. Users find themselves full of manic energy, being unable to sit still or control their thoughts. Examples include cocaine, “crack” cocaine, amphetamines, and methamphetamines. Legal stimulants include nicotine and caffeine.

Depressants

Depressants slow down brain and body operations. They also affect the central nervous system and reduce stimulation. In large doses, they can cause drowsiness, vomiting, unconsciousness and death. Examples include barbiturates, anti-anxiety tranquilizers (Valium, Xanax, Prozac) and anti-depressants. Alcohol is also considered to be a depressant drug and can lead to addiction with repeated use.



Opioids

Opioids are strong and highly addictive pain relievers. Often these are legal prescription drugs, but they have seen widespread abuse. Some of these drugs include opium, codeine, heroin, Demerol, morphine, methadone, Vicodin, and Oxycontin.

Hallucinogens

Hallucinogens are substances that make the user perceive the world around them differently. They can disrupt a user’s mood, senses, sleep and hunger among other things. They trap the user in a terrifying mental state for hours on end in what seems like an eternity. Some of these include LSD (acid), Psilocybin (Magic Mushrooms), Peyote and PCP.

Inhalants

Inhalants are a wide variety of drugs that are inhaled through the nose and mouth and produce mind-altering effects. Often these substances are volatile chemicals that can be harmful to health. Some examples are Toluene, plastic cement, paint and paint thinner, hair sprays and some anesthetic gases.

Being educated about illegal drugs is important to ensure the ability to recognize and prevent substance abuse.

RESOURCES

SAMHSA Helpline

www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline

Drug Enforcement Administration Fact Sheet

www.dea.gov/factsheets

Centers for Disease Control Drug Database

www.cdc.gov/nchs/nnhs/drug_database.htm

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STREET NAME DICTIONARY

Cocaine

Big C, Blow, Bump, Charlie, Coke, Crack, Dust, Flake, Powder, Rock, Snow

Dextromethorphan

(Cold Medicine) Dex, Dextro, DXM, Poor Man’s Ecstasy, Robo, Tussin

Heroin

Black Tar, Black Pearl, Boy, Dope, Smack, Tar, White Stuff

Inhalants

Air Blast, Bolt, Boppers, Bullet Bolt, Huff, Medusa, Moon Gas, Poppers, Whippets

LSD

Acid, Blotter, Dots, Electric Kool Aid, Sugar Cubes, Yellow Sunshine

Marijuana

420, Blunt, Bud, Dope, Ganja, Hash, Herb, Mary Jane, Pot, Roach, Reefer, Skunk, Smoke, Trees, Weed

MDMA

Adam, Beans, Dancing Shoes, Disco Biscuits, Ecstasy, Molly, Smartees

Methamphetamine

Chalk, Crank, Crystal, Crystal Meth, Gak, Glass, Go Juice, Ice, Meth, Speed, Tweek

Psilocybin

Little Smoke, Magic Mushrooms, Purple Passion, Shrooms

Rohypnol

Date Rape Drug, Forget-Me Pill, Mind Eraser, Roofies, Wolfies

Steroids

Arnolds, Gym Candy, Juice, Muscle Builders, Pumpers, Roids, Stackers, Weight Gainers

Synthetic Cocaine

Bath Salts, Blue Silk, Cloud Nine, Drone, Ivory Wave, Ocean Burst, Pure Ivory, Purple Wave, Red Dove, Snow Leopard, Stardust, Vanilla Sky, White Dove, White Knight

Synthetic Marijuana

Black Mamba, Bliss, Bombay Blue, Fake Weed, Genie, K2, Spice, Zohai

DRUG SLANG DICTIONARY

Amping – An accelerated heartbeat resulting from the use of stimulant drugs

Baked - High, usually on Marijuana

Basing - Smoking cocaine through a pipe

Base Head – One who bases

Bath Salts – Synthetic cocaine that is distributed as “Bath Salts: Not for human consumption”

Bong – A large pipe used for smoking drugs

Bump – A dose of a drug that is snorted

Bunk – Fake cocaine

Cooking up – To process powdered cocaine into crack

Crack – Cocaine that is smoked and comes in the form of lumps known as “rocks”

Domex – PCP and MDMA

Eight Ball – Eight of an ounce measurement of drugs

Feenin – Behavior associated with a person craving cocaine or other addictive substances when they are unavailable

Fizzies – Methadone

Freebasing – Smoking crack cocaine

Ghost-busting – 1. Smoking cocaine
2. Searching for crack

High Beams – Refers to the wide eyes of a person on crack, likened to the headlights on a car

Holding – To be in possession of drugs

Hotbox – To smoke marijuana inside a vehicle, filling it with smoke

Huffer – A person who abuses inhalants

Huffing – Sniffing inhalants to get high

Ice – A smokeable form of methamphetamine which is highly addictive

Junkie - Addict

Kibbles n’ bits – ADHD Medication

Kratom – A plant dried and smoked or consumed through tea that creates hallucinations and a sense of euphoria

Krokodil – A “homemade” heroin substitute that eats the flesh of the user

Molly – A purer form of MDMA (ecstasy), often found in social venues

Main line – To inject drugs directly into the bloodstream

Peyote - A type of psychedelic cactus found in the southwest US

Purple Drank – Combination of codeine with soft drinks and candy; slows brain and motor functions

Re-up – To resupply one’s drug stash

Res – Potent residue left as a result of smoking crack which is scraped and smoked

Rock House – A place where rock cocaine is sold or smoked

Rolling - 1. Rolling marijuana into paper to create a smokeable joint

2. High, usually on ecstasy

Runners – People who sell drugs for other people

Salvia – A plant smoked which causes hallucinations

Sherms – Cigars dipped in or laced with PCP

Shrooms – Psilocybin/Psilocyn mushrooms (sold frozen, fresh or dried)

Skin Popping – To inject drugs on any part of the body without hitting a vein

Space Base – Crack mixed with PCP

Speed Balling – To shoot up or smoke a mixture of cocaine and heroin

Spice – Synthetic marijuana sold under various names

Spliff – Large marijuana cigarette

Stoned – High, usually on marijuana

Thouroughbred – Drug dealing who sells pure narcotics

Trippin – To be high on hallucinogens

Tweaking – To be in a state of drug induce paranoia

Wigging – Odd behavior triggered by mind altering drugs

Yaba - A brightly colored pill containing meth and caffeine; often found in social venues



Often, drug users won’t call a drug by its real name. It is a good idea to be familiar with the street names of commonly used drugs.