

Drugs of Abuse and Associated Health Risks

Substance: Category and Name	Examples of <i>Commercial</i> and Street Names	DEA Schedule*/ How Administered**	<i>Intoxication Effects/Potential Health Consequences</i>
<i>Cannabinoids</i>			<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	
<i>Depressants</i>			<i>reduced anxiety; feeling of well-being; lowered inhibitions; slowed pulse and breathing; lowered blood pressure; poor concentration/fatigue; confusion; impaired coordination, memory, judgment; addiction; respiratory depression and arrest, death</i> <i>Also, for barbiturates—sedation, drowsiness/depression, unusual excitement, fever, irritability, poor judgment, slurred speech, dizziness, life-threatening withdrawal.</i> <i>for benzodiazepines—sedation, drowsiness/dizziness</i> <i>for flunitrazepam—visual and gastrointestinal disturbances, urinary retention, memory loss for the time under the drug's effects</i> <i>for GHB—drowsiness, nausea/vomiting, headache, loss of consciousness, loss of reflexes, seizures, coma, death</i> <i>for methaqualone—euphoria/depression, poor reflexes, slurred speech, coma</i>
barbiturates	<i>Amytal, Nembutal, Seconal, Phenobarbital</i> ; barbs, reds, red birds, phennies, tooies, yellows, yellow jackets	II, III, V/injected, swallowed	
benzodiazepines (other than flunitrazepam)	<i>Ativan, Halcion, Librium, Valium, Xanax</i> ; candy, downers, sleeping pills, tranks	IV/swallowed, injected	
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	I/swallowed	
methaqualone	<i>Quaalude, Sopor, Parest</i> ; ludes, mandrex, quad, quay	I/injected, swallowed	
<i>Dissociative Anesthetics</i>			<i>increased heart rate and blood</i>

ketamine	<i>Ketalar SV</i> ; cat Valiums, K, Special K, vitamin K	III/injected, snorted, smoked	<i>pressure, impaired motor function/memory loss; numbness; nausea/vomiting</i>
PCP and analogs	<i>phencyclidine</i> ; angel dust, boat, hog, love boat, peace pill	I, II/injected, swallowed, smoked	<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>
Hallucinogens			<i>altered states of perception and feeling; nausea; persisting perception disorder (flashbacks)</i>
LSD	<i>lysergic acid diethylamide</i> ; acid, blotter, boomers, cubes, microdot, yellow sunshines	I/swallowed, absorbed through mouth tissues	<i>Also, for LSD and mescaline—increased body temperature, heart rate, blood pressure; loss of appetite, sleeplessness, numbness, weakness, tremors</i>
mescaline	buttons, cactus, mesc, peyote	I/swallowed, smoked	<i>for LSD —persistent mental disorders</i> <i>for psilocybin—nervousness, paranoia</i>
psilocybin	magic mushroom, purple passion, shrooms	I/swallowed	
Opioids and Morphine Derivatives			<i>pain relief, euphoria,</i>
codeine	<i>Empirin with Codeine, Fiorinal with Codeine, Robitussin A-C, Tylenol with Codeine</i> ; Captain Cody, Cody, schoolboy; (with glutethimide) doors & fours, loads, pancakes and syrup	II, III, IV/injected, swallowed	<i>drowsiness/nausea, constipation, confusion, sedation, respiratory depression and arrest, tolerance, addiction, unconsciousness, coma, death</i> <i>Also, for codeine—less analgesia, sedation, and respiratory depression than morphine</i>
fentanyl and fentanyl analogs	<i>Actiq, Duragesic, Sublimaze</i> ; Apache, China girl, China white, dance fever, friend, goodfella, jackpot, murder 8, TNT, Tango and Cash	I, II/injected, smoked, snorted	<i>for heroin—staggering gait</i> <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, nervousness, insomnia</i>
heroin	<i>diacetylmorphine</i> ; brown sugar, dope, H, horse, junk, skag, skunk, smack, white horse	I/injected, smoked, snorted	

morphine	<i>Roxanol, Duramorph;</i> M, Miss Emma, monkey, white stuff	II, III/injected, swallowed, smoked	
opium	<i>laudanum, paregoric;</i> big O, black stuff, block, gum, hop	II, III, V/swallowed, smoked	
oxycodone HCL	<i>Oxycontin;</i> Oxy, O.C., killer	II/swallowed, snorted, injected	
hydrocodone bitartrate, acetaminophen	<i>Vicodin;</i> vike, Watson-387	II/swallowed	
Stimulants			
amphetamine	<i>Biphetamine,</i> <i>Dexedrine;</i> bennies, black beauties, crosses, hearts, LA turnaround, speed, truck drivers, uppers	II/injected, swallowed, smoked, snorted	<i>Also, for amphetamine—rapid breathing/ tremor, loss of coordination; irritability, anxiousness, restlessness, delirium, panic, paranoia, impulsive behavior, aggressiveness, tolerance, addiction, psychosis</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, panic attacks</i>
MDMA (methylenedioxy- methamphetamine)	Adam, clarity, ecstasy, Eve, lover's speed, peace, STP, X, XTC	I/swallowed	<i>for MDMA—mild hallucinogenic effects, increased tactile sensitivity, empathic feelings/impaired memory and learning, hyperthermia, cardiac toxicity, renal failure, liver toxicity</i>
methamphetamine	<i>Desoxyn;</i> chalk, crank, crystal, fire, glass, go fast, ice, meth, speed	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 (safe and effective for treatment of ADHD)	<i>Ritalin;</i> JIF, MPH, R- ball, Skippy, the smart drug, vitamin R	II/injected, swallowed, snorted	<i>for nicotine—additional effects attributable to tobacco exposure, adverse pregnancy outcomes, chronic lung disease, cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer, tolerance, addiction</i>
nicotine	cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, snuff, spit tobacco, bidis, chew	not scheduled/smoked, snorted, taken in snuff and spit tobacco	
Other Compounds			
anabolic steroids	<i>Anadrol, Oxandrin,</i> <i>Durabolin, Depo- Testosterone</i>	III/injected, swallowed, applied to skin	<i>no intoxication effects/hypertension, blood clotting and cholesterol changes, liver cysts and cancer</i>

	<i>Equipoise; roids, juice</i>		kidney cancer, hostility and aggression, acne; in 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
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.