

DESCRIPTION OF HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS AND ABUSE OF ALCOHOL

Controlled Substances - Uses & Effects							
Classification	Drug Name	Common or Brand	Dependence	Potential	Acute Effects	Health Risks and Effects of Long-term Use*	Overdose Effects
			Physical	Psycho-logical			
ALCOHOL	Ethanol	Beer Wine Distilled Liquor	High High High	High High High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowered Inhibitions Impaired Judgement, Vision Loss of Motor Skills, Coordination Slurred Speech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypertension Liver Damage Cardiovascular Disease Toxic Psychosis Neurologic Damage Addiction with Severe Withdrawal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coma Possible Death
NARCOTICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opium Morphine Codeine Heroin Meperidine Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paregoric, Dover S Power Morphine Tylenol W/Codeine, Robitussin Heroin Demerol, Pethadol Dilaudid, Lantina, Percodan 	High High High High High High	High High High High High High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Euphoria, Drowsiness Respiratory Depression Constricted Pupils Nausea, Vomit Analgesia (Pain Relief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of Appetite Constipation Risk of AIDS & Hepatitis from I.V. Drug Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shallow Perspiration Clammy Skin Convulsions, Coma Possible Death May be Toxic if Mixed with Alcohol
DEPRESSANTS	Chloral Hydrate Barbiturates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noctec, Somnos Nembutal, Phenobarbitol, Seconal, Tuinol 	Moderate High	Moderate High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slurred Speech Disorientation Drunken Behavior Without the Odor of Alcohol Euphoria Lowered Inhibitions Loss of Motor Skills Blackouts Relaxation, Depression Hallucinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addiction with Withdrawal Toxic Psychosis Weak, Rapid Pulse Hallucinations Nausea Seizures Insomnia Anxiety Tremors Dizziness Loss of Peripheral Vision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shallow Respiration Cold, Clammy Skin Blackout Coma Possible Death May be Toxic if mixed with Alcohol
	Gamma Hydroxybutric Acid	Date Rape Drug, Liquid Ecstasy, Cherrymeth,	Moderate-High	High			
	Gamma Butyrolactone Glutathimide Ketamine Methaqualone Tranquilizers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GBL Doriden Special K, K Optimil, Parest, Quaalude, Sopor Equanil, Valium, Tranxene Serax, Xanax, Rohyphal, Dalmane, Dormate, Placidyl, Valmid 	Unknown High Unknown High Moderate	Unknown High Unknown High High			
STIMULANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cocaine Amphetamine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cocaine Hydrochloride Benzadrine, Biphphetamine, Desoxyyn, Dexamdrine 	Possible Possible	High High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feeling of Well-Being Excitation, Euphoria Increased Alertness Increased Blood Pressure, Pulse Insomnia, Appetite Loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delusions, Hallucinations (Toxic Psychosis) Possible Organ/Tissue Damage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agitation Temperature Increase Hallucinations Convulsions Heart Attack, Stroke High Blood Pressure Loss of Consciousness Seizures
	Phenmetrazine Methylphenidate Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preludin Ritalin 	Possible Possible	High High			
	Methylenedioxy-methamphetamine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cylert, Didrex, Pre-Sate, Sanorex, Voranil Ecstasy, MDMA 	Low	High			
HALLUCINO-GENICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSD Mescaline Psilocybin MDA PCP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acid, Lysergic Acid Peyote, Peyote Buttons, Mescalitor Magic Mushrooms, Shrooms 	Low Low Low Unknown Unknown	Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dilated Pupils Increased Blood Pressure, Pulse Delusions/Hallucinations Distorted Perception of Time, Space, and Reality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hallucinogens, Especially LSD, may Intensify Existing Psychosis Possible Violent Behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intense Bad Trips Psychosis Possible Sudden Death
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angel Dust, Crystal, Camyfan (Veterinary) 	Unknown	Unknown				
INHALANTS	Airplane Glue	Active Ingredient: Toluene	Unknown	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slurred Speech Drunken Behavior Impaired Judgement Poor Coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hallucinations Possible Damage to Bone Marrow, Lungs, Kidneys, Liver, Heart, Brain, Eyes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unconsciousness Coma Possible Toxic Reaction Possible Sudden Death
	Lighter Fluid	Active Ingredient: Naphalene	Unknown	Unknown			
	Aerosols	Active Ingreed.: Chloropluorocarbon	Unknown	Unknown			
CANNABIS	Spray Paints	Active Ingreed.: Petroleum Distillate	Unknown	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tachycardia, Reddened Eyes Euphoria, Profound Humor Altered Time/Space Perception Short-Term Memory Loss Increased Appetite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiovascular Damage as with Smoking Tobacco 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insomnia, Hyperactivity Panic Attacks, Paranoia Possible Toxic Reaction if Treated w/other Chemicals
	Paint Thinner	Active Ingreed.: Petroleum Distillate	Unknown	Unknown			
	Gasoline	Active Ingreed.: Petroleum Distillate	Unknown	Unknown			
TOBACCO	Poppers	Active Ingreed.: Amyl/butyl Nitrite	Unknown	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxation Stimulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiovascular Disease Respiratory Illness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Death at very High Dosage Levels
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marijuana Hashish Hash Oil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grass, Pot, Weed, Dope Hash 	Low Low Low	Moderate Moderate Moderate			
	Nicotine	Cigarettes Cigars	Moderate Moderate	High High			

* Alcohol and other drug use during pregnancy increases risk of physical harm to fetus

† Psychoactive drug effects refer to use at a greater than prescribed therapeutic dosage level

‡ Additional risk of harm from toxic impurities in street drugs