

Commonly Abused Drugs

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Substances: Category and Name	Examples of Commercial and Street Names	DEA Schedule/ How Administered**	Acute Effects/Health Risks
Tobacco			<i>Increased blood pressure and heart rate;</i> chronic lung disease; cardiovascular disease; stroke; cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, cervix, kidney, bladder, and acute myeloid leukemia; adverse pregnancy outcomes; addiction
Nicotine	Found in cigarettes, cigars, bids, and smokeless tobacco (snuff, spit tobacco, chew)	Not scheduled/smoked, snorted, chewed	
Alcohol			<i>In low doses, euphoria, mild stimulation, relaxation, lowered inhibitions; in higher doses, drowsiness, slurred speech, nausea, emotional volatility, loss of coordination, visual distortions, impaired memory, sexual dysfunction, loss of consciousness/increased risk of injuries, violence, fetal damage (in pregnant women); depression, neurologic deficits; hypertension; liver and heart disease; addiction; fatal overdose</i>
Alcohol (ethyl alcohol)	Found in liquor, beer, and wine	Not scheduled/swallowed	
Cannabinoïds			<i>Euphoria, relaxation, slowed reaction time, distorted sensory perception, impaired balance and coordination; increased heart rate and appetite; impaired learning, memory; anxiety, panic attacks, psychosis/cough; frequent respiratory infections; possible mental health decline; addiction</i>
Marijuana	Blunt, dope, ganja, grass, herb, joint, bud, Mary Jane, pot, reeler, green, trees, smoke, sinsemilla, skunk, weed	Unsmoked, swallowed	
Hashish	Boon, gangster, hash, hash oil, hemp	Unsmoked, swallowed	
Opioids			<i>Euphoria, drowsiness; impaired coordination; dizziness, confusion; nausea, sedation; feeling of heaviness in the body; slowed or arrested breathing/constipation; endocarditis; hepatitis; HIV; addiction; fatal overdose</i>
Heroin	<i>Diacetylmorphine</i> : smack, horse, brown sugar, dope, H, junk, skag, skunk, white horse, China white; cheese (with OTC cold medicine and antihistamine) <i>Laudanum, paragonc</i> : big O, black stuff, block, gum, hop	Unsmoked, snorted, injected	
Stimulants			<i>Increased heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature, metabolism; feelings of exhilaration; increased energy, mental alertness; tremors; reduced appetite; irritability, anxiety, panic, paranoia, violent behavior; psychosis/weight loss; insomnia; cardiac or cardiovascular complications; stroke; seizures; addiction</i> Also, for cocaine —nasal damage from snorting Also, for methamphetamine —severe dental problems
Cocaine	<i>Cocaine hydrochloride</i> : blow, bump, C, candy, Charlie, coke, crack, flake, rock, snow, tool	Unsmoked, snoked, injected	
Amphetamine	<i>Biphetamine, Dexedrine</i> : bennies, black beauties, crosses, hearts, LA turnaround, speed, truck drivers, uppers	Unswallowed, snorted, smoked, injected	
Methamphetamine	<i>Desoxyr</i> : meth, ice, crank, chak, crystal, fire, glass, go fast, speed	Unswallowed, snorted, smoked, injected	
Club Drugs			<i>MMA</i> —mild hallucinogenic effects; increased tactile sensitivity, empathic feelings; lowered inhibition; anxiety, chills, sweating; teeth clenching; muscle cramping/sleep disturbances; depression; impaired memory; hyperthermia; addiction <i>Flunitrazepam</i> —sedation; muscle relaxation; confusion; memory loss; dizziness; impaired coordination/addiction GHB —drowsiness; nausea; headache; disorientation; loss of coordination; memory loss/unconsciousness; seizures; coma
MDMA (methylenedioxyamphetamine)	Ecstasy, Adam, clarity, Eve, lover's speed, peace, uppers	Unswallowed, snorted, injected	
Flunitrazepam***	<i>Rohypnol</i> : forget-me pill, Mexican Valium, R2, roach, Roche, roofies, roofinol, rope, rophies	Unswallowed, snorted	
GRB***	<i>Gamma-hydroxybutyrate</i> : G, Georgia home boy, grievous bodily harm, liquid ecstasy, soap, scoop, goop, liquid X	Unswallowed	
Dissociative Drugs			<i>Feelings of being separate from one's body and environment; impaired motor function/anxiety; tremors; numbness; memory loss; nausea</i> Also, for ketamine —analgesia; impaired memory; delirium; respiratory depression and arrest; death Also, for PCP and analogs —analgesia; psychosis; aggression; violence; slurred speech; loss of coordination; hallucinations Also, for DXM —euphoria; slurred speech; confusion; dizziness; distorted visual perceptions
Ketamine	<i>Ketalar, S/K</i> : cat Valium, K, Special K, vitamin K	Uninjected, snorted, smoked	
PCP and analogs	<i>Phencyclidine</i> : angel dust, boat, hog, love boat, peace pill	I, Unswallowed, smoked, injected	
Salvia divinorum	Salvia, Shepherdess's Herb, Maria Pastora, magic mint, Sally-D	Not scheduled/chewed, swallowed, smoked	
Dextromethorphan (DXM)	Found in some cough and cold medications: RoboTopping, Robo, Triple C	Not scheduled/swallowed	
Hallucinogens			<i>Altered states of perception and feeling; hallucinations; nausea</i> Also, for LSD and mescaline —increased body temperature, heart rate, blood pressure; loss of appetite; sweating; sleeplessness; numbness; dizziness; weakness; tremors; impulsive behavior; rapid shifts in emotion Also, for LSD —Flashbacks; Hallucinogen Persisting Perception Disorder Also, for psilocybin —nervousness; paranoia; panic
LSD	<i>Lysergic acid diethylamide</i> : acid, blotter, cubes, microdot, yellow sunshine, blue heaven	Unswallowed, absorbed through mouth tissues	
Mescaline	Burtons, cactus, mesq, peyote	Unswallowed, smoked	
Psilocybin	Magic mushrooms, purple passion, shrooms, little smoke	Unswallowed	
Other Compounds			Steroids —no intoxication effects;hypertension; blood clotting and cholesterol changes; liver cysts; 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 (varies by chemical) —stimulation; loss of inhibition; headache; nausea or vomiting; slurred speech; loss of motor coordination; wheezing/cramps; muscle weakness; depression; memory impairment; damage to cardiovascular and nervous systems; unconsciousness; sudden death
Anabolic steroids	<i>Anadrol, Oxandrin, Durabolin, Depo-Testosterone, Equipoise</i> : roids, juice, gym candy, pumpers	Uninjected, swallowed, applied to skin	
Inhalants	<i>Solvents (paint thinners, gasoline, glues); gases (butane, propane, aerosol propellants, nitrous oxide); nitriles (saamy!, isobutyl, cyclohexyl); laughing gas, poppers, snappers, whippers</i>	Not scheduled/inhaled through nose or mouth	