

Commonly Abused Drugs

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Street Names for Drugs of Abuse

Substance	Examples of Proprietary or Street Names	Medical Uses	Route of Administration	DEA Schedule*	Period of Detection
Stimulants					
Amphetamine	Biphedamine, Dexedrine; Black Beauties, Crosses, Hearts	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), obesity, narcolepsy	Injected, oral, smoked, sniffed	II	1-2 days
Cocaine	Coke, Crack, Flake, Rocks, Snow	Local anesthetic, vasoconstrictor	Injected, smoked, sniffed	II	1-4 days
Methamphetamine	Desoxyn; Crank, Crystal, Glass, Ice, Speed	ADHD, obesity, narcolepsy	Injected, oral, smoked, sniffed	II	1-2 days
Methylphenidate	Ritalin	ADHD, narcolepsy	Injected, oral	II	1-2 days
Nicotine	Habitrol patch, Nicorette gum, Nicotrol spray, Prostep patch; Cigars, Cigarettes, Smokeless tobacco, Snuff, Spit tobacco	Treatment for nicotine dependence	Smoked, sniffed, oral, transdermal	Not Scheduled	1-2 days
Hallucinogens and Other Compounds					
LSD	Acid, Microdot	None	Oral	I	8 hours
Mescaline	Buttons, Cactus, Mesc, Peyote	None	Oral	I	2-3 days
Phencyclidine & Analogs	PCP; Angel Dust, Boat, Hog, Love Boat	Anesthetic (veterinary)	Injected, oral, smoked	I, II	2-8 days
Psilocybin	Magic Mushroom, Purple Passion, Shrooms	None	Oral	I	8 hours
Amphetamine variants	DOB, DOM, MDA, MDMA; Adam, Ecstasy, STP, XTC	None	Oral	I	1-2 days
Marijuana	Blunt, Grass, Herb, Pot, Reefer, Sinsemilla, Smoke, Weed	Antiemetic	Oral, smoked	I	1 day - 5 weeks
Hashish	Hash	None	Oral, smoked	I	1 day - 5 weeks
Tetrahydrocannabinol	Marinol, THC	Antiemetic	Oral, smoked	I, II	1 day - 5 weeks
Anabolic Steroids	Testosterone (T/E ratio), Stanozolol, Nandrolone	Hormone Replacement Therapy	Oral, injected	III	Oral: up to 3 weeks (for testosterone and others); Injected: up to 3 months (Nandrolone up to 9 months)
Opioids and Morphine Derivatives					
Codeine	Tylenol w/codeine, Robitussin A-C, Empirin	Analgesic, antitussive	Injected, oral	II, III, IV	1-2 days

	w/codeine, Fiorinal w/codeine				
Heroin	Diacetylmorphine; Horse, Smack	None	Injected, smoked, sniffed	I	1-2 days
Methadone	Amidone, Dolophine, Methadose	Analgesic, treatment for opiate dependence	Injected, oral	II	1 day - 1 week
Morphine	Roxanol, Duramorph	Analgesic	Injected, oral, smoked	II, III	1-2 days
Opium	Laudanum, Paregoric; Dover's Powder	Analgesic, antidiarrheal	Oral, smoked	II, III, V	1-2 days
Depressants					
Alcohol	Beer, Wine, Liquor	Antidote for methanol poisoning	Oral	Not Scheduled	6-10 hours
Barbiturates	Amytal, Nembutal, Seconal, Phenobarbital; Barbs	Anesthetic, anticonvulsant, hypnotic, sedative	Injected, oral	II, III, IV	2-10 days
Benzodiazepines	Ativan, Halcion, Librium, Rohypnol, Valium; Roofies, Tranks, Xanax	Antianxiety, anticonvulsant, hypnotic, sedative	Injected, oral	IV	1-6 weeks
Methaqualone	Quaalude, Ludes	None	Oral	I	2 weeks

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Substance: Category and Name	Examples of <i>Commercial</i> and Street Names	DEA Schedule* How Administered**	<i>Intoxication Effects/Potential Health Consequences</i>
Cannabinoids			<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	
Depressants			<i>reduced pain and anxiety; feeling of well-being; lowered inhibitions; slowed pulse and breathing; lowered blood pressure; poor concentration/confusion, fatigue; impaired coordination, memory, judgment; respiratory depression and arrest, addiction</i> <i>Also, for barbiturates—sedation, drowsiness/depression, unusual excitement, fever, irritability, poor judgment, slurred speech, dizziness</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	
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	under consideration/swallowed	
methaqualone	<i>Quaalude, Sopor, Parest;</i> ludes, mandrex, quad, quay	I/injected, swallowed	
Dissociative Anesthetics			<i>increased heart rate and blood pressure, impaired motor function/memory loss; numbness; nausea/vomiting</i> <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>
ketamine	<i>Ketalar SV;</i> cat Valiums, K, Special K, vitamin K	III/injected, snorted, smoked	
PCP and analogs	<i>phencyclidine;</i> angel dust, boat, hog, love boat, peace pill	I, II/injected, swallowed, smoked	
Hallucinogens			<i>altered states of perception and feeling; nausea/chronic mental disorders, persisting perception disorder (flashbacks)</i> <i>Also, for LSD and mescaline—increased body temperature, heart rate, blood pressure; loss of appetite, sleeplessness, numbness, weakness, tremors</i> <i>for psilocybin—nervousness, paranoia</i>
LSD	<i>lysergic acid diethylamide;</i> acid, blotter, boomers, cubes, microdot, yellow sunshines	I/swallowed, absorbed through mouth tissues	
mescaline	buttons, cactus, mesc, peyote	I/swallowed, smoked	
psilocybin	magic mushroom, purple passion, shrooms	I/swallowed	

Opioids and Morphine Derivatives

codeine	<i>Empirin with Codeine, Fiorinal with Codeine, Robitussin A-C, Tylenol with Codeine; Captain Cody, Cody, schoolboy; (with glutethimide) doors & fours, loads, pancakes and syrup</i>	II, III, IV/injected, swallowed
fentanyl	<i>Actiq, Duragesic, Sublimaze; Apache, China girl, China white, dance fever, friend, goodfella, jackpot, murder 8, TNT, Tango and Cash</i>	II/injected, smoked, snorted
heroin	<i>diacetylmorphine; brown sugar, dope, H, horse, junk, skag, skunk, smack, white horse</i>	I/injected, smoked, snorted
morphine	<i>Roxanol, Duramorph; M, Miss Emma, monkey, white stuff</i>	II, III/injected, swallowed, smoked
opium	<i>laudanum, paregoric; big O, black stuff, block, gum, hop</i>	II, III, V/swallowed, smoked

pain relief, euphoria, drowsiness/respiratory depression and arrest, nausea, confusion, constipation, sedation, unconsciousness, coma, tolerance, addiction

Also, for codeine—less analgesia, sedation, and respiratory depression than morphine

for heroin—staggering gait

Stimulants

amphetamine	<i>Adderall, Biphedamine, Dexedrine; bennies, black beauties, crosses, hearts, LA turnaround, speed, truck drivers, uppers</i>	II/injected, swallowed, smoked, snorted
cocaine	<i>Cocaine hydrochloride; blow, bump, C, candy, Charlie, coke, crack, flake, rock, snow, toot</i>	II/injected, smoked, snorted
MDMA (methylenedioxy-methamphetamine)	<i>DOB, DOM, MDA; Adam, clarity, ecstasy, Eve, lover's speed, peace, STP, X, XTC</i>	I/swallowed
methamphetamine	<i>Desoxyn; chalk, crank, crystal, fire, glass, go fast, ice, meth, speed</i>	II/injected, swallowed, smoked, snorted
methylphenidate	<i>Ritalin; JIF, MPH, R-ball, Skippy, the smart drug, vitamin R</i>	II/injected, swallowed, snorted
nicotine	<i>bidis, chew, cigars, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, spit tobacco</i>	not scheduled/smoked, snorted, taken in snuff and spit tobacco

increased heart rate, blood pressure, metabolism; feelings of exhilaration, energy, increased mental alertness/rapid or irregular heart beat; reduced appetite, weight loss, heart failure

Also, for amphetamine—rapid breathing; hallucinations/ tremor, loss of coordination; irritability, anxiousness, restlessness, delirium, panic, paranoia, impulsive behavior, aggressiveness, tolerance, addiction

for cocaine—increased temperature/chest pain, respiratory failure, nausea, abdominal pain, strokes, seizures, headaches, malnutrition

for MDMA—mild hallucinogenic effects, increased tactile sensitivity, empathic feelings, hyperthermia/impaired memory and learning

for methamphetamine—aggression, violence, psychotic behavior/memory loss, cardiac and neurological damage; impaired memory and learning, tolerance, addiction

for methylphenidate—increase or decrease in blood pressure, psychotic episodes/digestive problems, loss of appetite, weight loss

for nicotine—tolerance, addiction; additional effects attributable to tobacco exposure - adverse pregnancy outcomes, chronic lung disease, cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer

Other Compounds

anabolic steroids	<i>Anadrol, Oxandrin, Durabolin, Depo-Testosterone, Equipoise;</i> roids, juice	III/injected, swallowed, applied to skin	<i>no intoxication effects/hypertension, blood clotting and cholesterol changes, liver cysts and cancer, kidney cancer, hostility and aggression, acne; 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</i>
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>

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**Taking drugs by injection can increase the risk of infection through needle contamination with staphylococci, HIV, hepatitis, and other organisms.

***Associated with sexual assaults.