Common Drugs and Symptoms of Abuse

| Type of Drugs | Drug Name | Street Name | Method of Use | Symptoms of use | Hazards of Use |
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| Marijuana Hashish | | Pot, Grass. Reefer, Colombia, Hash, Hash Oil, John. | Most often smoked, can also be swallowed in solid form. | Sweet burnt odor Neglect of Appearance Loss of Interest, motivation Possible weight Loss | Impaired memory perception. Interference with psychological maturation. Possible damage to linings, heart and reproduction and immune system. Psychological dependence. |
| Alcohol | | Booze, Hooch, Juice, Brew. | Swallowed in liquid Form | Impaired Muscle coordination, judgment. | Hear and Liver Damage Death from overdose Death from car accidents Addiction |
| Stimulants Drugs that stimulate the | Amphetamines Dextroamphetamine Methamphetamine | Speed, uppers, pep. Pills, Bennies, Dexies, Meth, Crystal, Black Beauties | Swallowed in pill or capsule form, or injected into veins | Excess activity Irritability Nervousness Mood swings Needle marks | Loss of appetite Hallucinations, paranoia Convulsion, Coma Brain Damage Death from overdose |
| central nervous system. Includes look-alike drugs (resembling amphetamines) that contain caffeine, Phenylpropanolamine | Cocaine | Coke, Snow, Toot, White Lady, Crack | Most often inhaled (snorted), also injected or swallowed in powder form, smoked | Restless, anxiety, intense, Short-term high followed by depression | Intense Psychological dependence Sleeplessness, Anxiety Nasal passage damage Lung damage Death from overdose |
| (PPA) and ephedrine | Nicotine | Coffin Nail, Butt, Smoke | Smoked in cigars, cigarettes, and pipes, snuff, chewing tobacco | Smell of tobacco High Carbon monoxide levels Stained teeth | Cancers of the lung, throat, mouth, esophagus Heart disease, emphysema |
| Drugs that depress the central nervous system. | Barbiturates Phenobarbital Secobarbital Amobarbital Quaalude Sopor | Barba, Downers, Yellow Jackets, Red Devils, Blue Devil Ludes Soapers | Swallowed in pill form or injected into veins Swallowed in pill form | Drowsiness confusion Impaired judgment Slurred speech Needle marks Constricted pupils Impaired judgment and performance Drowsiness Slurred Speech | Infection Addiction with severe withdrawal symptoms Loss of appetite Death from overdose Injury of death from car accident, severe interaction with alcohol |
| Narcotics | Dilaudid, Percodan, Demerol Codeine | School Boy | Swallowed in pill of liquid form Swallowed in Pill or | Drowsiness Lethargy | Addiction with severe withdrawal Symptoms Loss of appetite |
| | Morphine, Heroin | Dreamer, Junk, Smack, Horse | liquid form Injected into veins or smoked | Needle marks | Death from overdose |
| Hallucinogens | PCP | Angel Dust, killer weed, supergrass, hog PeaCe Pill | Most of ten smoked: can also be inhaled (snorted) injected or swallowed in tablets | Slurred speech Blurred vision Un Coordination Confusion, Agitation Aggression | Anxiety depression impaired memory, perception, Death from accidents Death from overdose |
| | Mescaline Dellocation | Acid, cubes, purple haze Mesc, Cactus | Usually swallowed in their natural form | Dilated Pupils Illusions Hallucinations, Mood swings | Breaks from reality Emotional Breakdown Flashback |
| Inhalants Substance Abused By Sniffing | Psilocybin Gasoline Airplane Glue Paint Thinner Dry Cleaner Solution Nitrous Oxide Amyl Nitrate Butyl Nitrate | Magic mushrooms Laughing gas, Whippers Poppers, locker room rush, snappers | Inhaled or sniffed often With use of paper or plastic bag or rag Inhaled or sniffed from mask or cone Inhaled or sniffed from gauze or ampules | Poor motor coordination Impaired vision, memory and thought Abusive, Violent behaviour Light-headed Slowed though Headache | High risk of sudden death Drastic weight loss Brain Liver and bone marrow damage Death by anoxia Neuropathy, muscle weakness Anemia. Death by anoxia |