

THE TEN MOST COMMON DRUGS OF ABUSE

DRUG CLASS	PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS	LOOK FOR	DANGERS
AMPHETAMINES Methamphetamine	Alertness, talkativeness, wakefulness, increased blood pressure, loss of appetite	Pills and capsules, loss of sleep, irritability, weight loss, hyperactivity	Fatigue exhaustion addiction Paranoia, depression Hallucinations
BARBITURATES	Depressed breathing and heartbeat, drowsiness, un-coordinated movements overdose	Capsules and pills, confused behavior, slurred speech, often late "over slept"	Possible overdose with alcohol addiction, withdrawal
BENZODIAZEPINES Diazepam, Valium, Xanax	Same as Barbiturates	Same as Barbiturates	Same as Barbiturates
CANNABINOIDS Marijuana Hashish	Altered perceptions, red eyes dry mouth, reduced coordination and concentration, "munchies"	Rolling papers, pipes, bongs dried plant material, roach clips odor of burnt rope	Panic reaction, impaired short term memory, perceived normal abilities
COCAINE	Alertness, talkativeness, Mood swings	Crack pipes, frequent trips to car, bathroom, etc.	Highly addictive, financial problems
METHADONE	Euphoria, drowsiness	White crystalline powder, liquid	Highly addictive, Hepatitis
METHAQUALONE	Sedation, hypnosis, same as Barb.	Tablets, white crystals	Highly addictive, Hepatitis
OPIATES Morphine Heroin Codeine	Brief intense euphoria similar to cocaine, depression that follows much more severe (heroin) drowsiness, depressed breath	Glass vials, glass pipe, white crystalline powder, razor blades syringes, needle marks, cough syrup	Highly addictive, heart attack, severe depression paranoia, Hepatitis, HIV
PHENCYCLIDINE	Altered mood and perceptions Combative, super strong	Pills, capsules, powders of various colors	Violent behavior, emotional instability
PROPOXYPHENE machines	Euphoria, intoxication	Capsules, tablets	Danger operating
ETHYL ALCOHOL	Intoxication, slurred speech	Odor, glazed eyes, hangover	Accident prone