

ARE YOUR KIDS USING DRUGS...?

CATEGORY	CANNABIS	STIMULANTS	STIMULANTS	STIMULANTS	STIMULANTS
DRUG OR SUBSTANCE	Marijuana Hashish	Cocaine (Rock)	Cocaine	Amphetamines	Methamphetamine
SLANG TERMS	Grass, pot, weed, smoke, herb, Maui Wowie, Acapulco Gold, Panama Red, Colombian, Mexican, home grown, sinsemilla, sens, reefer, roach, number, doobie, dope.	Crack, Hubba, Two C, Love, 5-O	Snow, coke, leaf, C, Cecil, Cholly, Burese, dynamite, flake, girl, star dust, joy powder, blow, toot and "speedball" (when mixed with heroin).	Beans, mini bennies, uppers, cross tops, bird eggs, dexies.	Speed, crank, rose, water, crystal, meth.
COMMENTS	<p>Marijuana: Smoked as cigarettes or in small bowl pipes. Hashish: A marijuana derivative; usually comes in small, dark brown cubes.</p> <p>Marijuana is now widely available on many school campuses including some elementary schools in northern California.</p> <p>Street cost: \$1.00 per "joint" or cigarette. \$30 to \$250 per ounce.</p> <p>Paraphernalia: "roach clips" (small alligator clips used to hold "joints"), cigarette papers, small pipes.</p> <p>Marijuana has a distinctive, pungent odor which some smokers attempt to cover by burning incense.</p>	<p>White rock substance. Usual size on #2 pencil eraser. Dull yellow color to dull white. Smoked through various smoking paraphernalia (usually Gerber Baby Food jar).</p> <p>Street cost: \$20 average for 1/4 gram.</p> <p>Paraphernalia: glass jar with hole in top, plastic straw made from Bic Pen, Cooper screen, heat source.</p>	<p>A white crystalline powder, derived from the coca leaf, which is most often sniffed ("snorted") and in some cases injected. Increased acceptance by adults has resulted in increased use by children. Often distributed in tightly wrapped paper bundles containing two-tenths of a gram.</p> <p>Street cost: \$25 for two-tenths of a gram. \$10 per "line."</p> <p>Paraphernalia: mirrors, razor blades, inhaling tubes, syringes. Cocaine is commonly organized in thin "lines" on a mirror and inhaled through a drinking straw or other similar tube. The powder is also inhaled from small spoons which are often attached to a vial of the substance.</p>	<p>Amphetamines are available in a variety of multi-colored pills, capsules and tablets. They are normally legal prescription drugs often stolen from the family medicine cabinet or in pharmacy and residential burglaries. Police say false prescriptions have also been used to obtain them. The amphetamines are taken orally or "dropped."</p> <p>Street cost: \$2 to \$5 per pill.</p>	<p>Methamphetamine comes in a clear liquid and in white, yellow, tan and rose colored powder. Often this substance has a foul, rancid odor. It is taken orally, inhaled or injected.</p> <p>Paraphernalia: Straws or other inhaling tubes, syringes and needles. Pocket mirrors and razor blades for preparing "lines" of powder for inhaling, a practice also identified with the use of cocaine.</p> <p>Street cost: \$25 for two-tenths of a gram.</p>
SYMPTOMS OF ABUSE	Inflamed eyes, drowsiness, talkativeness, laughter, euphoria, relaxed inhibitions, increased appetite (particularly for sweets), disoriented behavior, dramatic change of lifestyle, increased heart rate, short-term loss of memory, loss of time perception.	Bright, staring, shiny eyes, excitation, euphoria, increased pulse rate and blood pressure, talkativeness, insomnia, loss of appetite, dramatic mood shifts, runny nose.	Bright, staring, shiny eyes, excitation, euphoria, increased pulse rate and blood pressure, talkativeness, insomnia, loss of appetite, dramatic mood shifts, runny nose.	Dilated pupils, bright, shiny eyes, excitation, euphoria, increased pulse rate and blood pressure, insomnia, loss of appetite, confusion, paranoia, sweating.	Symptoms include extreme paranoia, hyperactivity, insomnia, "crashing" or long sleeping binges of 48 hours or more, loss of appetite, argumentativeness, lack of personal hygiene.
DANGERS OF ABUSE	Psychological dependence, fatigue, paranoia, possible psychosis.	High psychological and physical dependence, agitation, increased temperature, convulsions, death.	High psychological dependence, agitation, increased temperature, convulsion, death.	Psychological dependence, psychosis, death.	High physical and psychological dependence, death.

A Parents' Guide to Commonly Available Drugs, Their Effects and Ways to Intervene.

DEPRESSANTS

Barbiturates/ Methaqualone

Barbiturates: Barbs, downs, downers, sleeping pills, yellow jackets, reds, red devils, pinks, blue devils, reds 'n blues.
Methaqualone: quaaludes, ludes, roler, lemmons 714's or 712's.

Barbiturates are often obtained by theft from the family medicine cabinet, residential burglaries, or pharmacy burglaries. Quaaludes are a sedative hypnotic which, because of their strength and dangers, are seldom prescribed. Counterfeit tablets marked Rorer 714 and Lemmon 714 are circulating with varying amounts of methaqualone.

Street cost: Barbiturates \$2 to \$5. Methaqualone \$4 to \$6.

Bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, disorientation, drunken behavior without the odor of alcohol.

Abuse may result in physical and psychological dependence (tolerance to greater quantities of doses develops rapidly), convulsions, unconsciousness, coma, death from overdose or withdrawal. (Withdrawal worse than heroin.)

NARCOTICS

Heroin

Horse, junk, dope, shit, chiva, stuff, "H."

Heroin is a white powder in its pure form. The powder may vary in color from white to tan and even dark brown. In solid form, some heroin has a gummy consistency similar to dark brown caramel candy. Although heroin is still rare among young people, it is growing in popularity because it is frequently represented as cocaine or PCP.

Street cost: \$25 for two-tenths of a gram or "balloon." Heroin is inhaled, taken orally or injected.

Paraphernalia: Syringes, spoons (in which heroin is cooked with water for injection).

Pinpoint pupil constriction, euphoria, drowsiness, nodding head, respiratory depression, apathy, perspiration.

High physical and psychological dependence. Overdose: slow shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, death.

HALLUCINOGENS

Phencyclidine (PCP)

PCP, angel dust, wac (pronounced "whack"), Sherman cigarette, Sherm's, Mores, wet.

Once was a legal veterinary anesthetic which is now made only in illegal laboratories. It comes in the form of a viscous, oily liquid or powder. It is often applied in liquid form to dark colored cigarettes. In its liquid form it is often carried in dark glass bottles like those containing vanilla extract. PCP is smoked, sniffed or taken orally.

Street cost: \$50 per gram, \$20 to \$50 per cigarette.

Wide staring eyes or rapidly shifting eye movement, illusions and hallucinations, poor perception of time and distance, paranoia, possible drowsiness, even hyperactivity, irritability, panic, confusion, anxiety, slurred speech, loss of memory, insensitive to pain.

PCP produces an intense "trip" or experience for the user. Use of the substance may produce psychosis, psychological dependence and death through irrational, careless behavior (leaping out of windows, etc.)

HALLUCINOGENS

Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)

Acid, 'cid, cubes, sugar, microdot, blotter acid, blotter.

Because it is easy to make in clandestine labs, LSD is making a comeback in the northern California drug market. Liquid drops of LSD are applied to slips of absorbent paper which is segmented into dose units with the use of perforations like those in sheets of postage stamps. This type of "blotter" acid may have printed trademarks such as cartoon characters. "Window Pane" LSD is the crystalline form, compressed into transparent sheets resembling cellophane. Chips of "window pane" are taken orally.

Street cost: \$2 to \$5 per dose. Such minute amounts of LSD are needed to produce a reaction that a person may hallucinate after absorbing LSD through the pores of the skin after handling the liquid.

Symptoms of LSD use include dilated pupils, illusions and hallucinations, poor perception of time and distance, panic depression, anxiety.

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LOOK-ALIKE DRUGS

Appear to be amphetamines and related compounds.

Look-alikes are considered a serious problem by northern California enforcement agencies. They are produced in clandestine labs and made to look like prescription drugs, most often counterfeit uppers. The contents are uncontrolled substances: caffeine, antihistamine, ephedrine sulfate, and phenylpropanolamine. When they are taken in quantity, look-alikes produce a mild "high."

Street cost: \$1 per dose. They are often distributed in unmarked, white plastic bottles like those used for over-the-counter headache tablets.

Loss of appetite, hyperactivity, restlessness.

Accidental poisoning from a lack of quality control. Great danger of ingesting a large quantity of the real drug by accident. If real drugs are taken in the quantity needed to produce a "high" with look-alikes, danger of an overdose, possible death.

INHALANTS

Paint, gasoline, glue and correction fluid fumes.

The most instantly damaging of abused substances. A common problem in some areas because of the availability of the substances. Locally, inhalants are abused in the form of spray paint (gold and silver). The paint or glue is sprayed or squeezed into a plastic bag and inhaled. The substance may also be poured into a rag and inhaled.

Street cost: retail.

Wild eyes, dilated pupils, psychosis, paranoia, violent actions, paint on the face, petroleum odor.

Instant and generally permanent brain damage, psychosis and death.