

SLANG

Heroin Slang

- Bag** — quantity of drugs packaged in various containers such as paper, balloons, baggies, etc.
- Balloon** — quantity of drugs, usually heroin, packaged in toy balloons
- Behind stuff** — using heroin
- Bindle** — quantity of drugs packaged in various containers; same as "bag"
- Brown stuff** — heroin from Mexico with brown coloration
- Cap** — capsule
- Chiva** — heroin
- Cold turkey** — stop using heroin suddenly with no assistance from other medicine
- Cook, cook up** — prepare drug for injection by heating it in water; dissolve
- Cotton** — small pieces of cotton with drug residue from using the cotton as a filter when preparing the drug for injection
- Do up** — inject
- Down, get down** — inject a drug
- Dried out** — detoxified; withdraw from a drug
- Fit** — injection paraphernalia
- Fix** — to inject a drug
- Gee** — gasket between needle and syringe
- Geeze** — to inject a drug
- H** — heroin
- Habit** — need for a drug; addiction
- Hard stuff** — heroin, cocaine, morphine
- Hit up** — to inject a drug; to borrow or attempt to borrow
- Hooked** — addicted
- Joy pop** — irregular use of narcotics
- Junk** — heroin
- Junkie** — heroin addict
- Kick** — stop; to stop taking a particular drug, especially heroin
- Kit** — injection paraphernalia
- Main line** — to inject the drug directly into the vein
- Marks** — supravenuous scars caused by injection of drugs
- Mexican Brown** — Mexican heroin
- Needle freak** — one who injects drugs into the vein or skin
- Nod** — dozing as a result of drugs, usually heroin
- O.D.** — overdose of a drug, many times fatal
- Outfit** — injection paraphernalia
- Piece** — one ounce of a narcotic, usually heroin; gun; sexual intercourse

- Quarter** — twenty-five dollars
- Quarter piece** — 1/4 ounce of a certain drug
- Rig** — injection paraphernalia
- Shit** — heroin
- Shoot (up)** — inject a drug
- Shooting gallery** — place used by users to inject drugs
- Skin pop** — inject drug into the skin rather than into the vein
- Smack** — heroin
- Spike** — needle
- Spoon** — quantity of a drug, approximately one to two grams
- Step on** — adulterate drugs to obtain a larger quantity
- Strung out** — addicted
- Stuff** — heroin
- Sugar (milk) habit** — addict's desire for sweets due to heavy amount of milk mixed with everyday heroin
- Tie off** — prepare for injection by placing a tourniquet on the limb to be used
- Tie rag** — homemade or makeshift tourniquet used during the injection of drugs
- Tools** — injection paraphernalia
- Tracks** — supravenuous scars from injection of drugs
- White stuff** — heroin, usually Chinese
- Withdraw** — stop using narcotics
- Works** — injection paraphernalia

More Slang

- This list represents jargon in use from 1979 to 1985 in California.*
- Bag** — quantity of drugs packaged in various containers such as paper, balloons, baggies, etc
- Barbs** — barbiturates
- Barrel** — 100,000 pills
- Bottle** — 100 pills
- Cap** — Capsule
- Cap up** — transfer drug in bulk form into capsules
- Downer** — drug with depressant effect; usually means secobarbital
- Dropped** — taking drugs orally
- Eat** — to swallow drugs
- Factory** — location where illicit drugs are manufactured

Jar — 1,000 pills
Jug — 1,000 pills
Keg — 50,000 pills
Knockout drops — chloral hydrate
Ludes — methaqualone
Mequin — methaqualone
Pill freak — user of any type of pills
Pillow — 25,000 tablets usually packaged in black plastic bag
Pink Lady — phenobarbital capsule
Q's — methaqualone
Rack — 2-5 capsules wrapped in tinfoil
Sopors — methaqualone
Tabs — tablets

Stimulant Slang Terms

Bean — pills, commonly referring to benzedrine tablets or capsules
Basing — baselining; freebasing cocaine
Bennies — benzedrine tablets
Black Beauty — bi-phetamine capsules (methedrine capsules)
Blow — cocaine
Bottle — 100 pills
Bug — to annoy; itching sensation; sensation due to cocaine poisoning
C — cocaine
C & H — cocaine and heroin
Cap — capsule
Cartwheel — benzedrine tablets
Cocaine Blues — depression from discontinuing the use of cocaine
Coke — cocaine
Coke Out — excessive use of cocaine to point of incoherence
Coke Spoon — specially made tiny spoons for inhaling cocaine
Co-pilot — benzedrine
Crank — methamphetamine
Crash — to sleep or come down from being under the influence of a stimulant
Crate — large quantity of pills, usually 50,000
Cross-tops — benzedrine tablets
Crystal — methamphetamine
Dexies — amphetamine tablets (dexedrine)
Diamonds — amphetamine tablets
Flake — cocaine
Flash powder — methamphetamine

Freak — heavy user of a drug; scared
Freeze — the numbness caused by using cocaine
Girl — cocaine
Happy Dust — cocaine
Hearts — amphetamines (dexedrine)
Horn — to inhale drugs through the nose
Jug — 1,000 pills
Keg — 50,000 pills
Kings Habit — use of cocaine
Lady — cocaine
Leaf — cocaine
Line — cocaine poured out in a thin line on a table, book, album, etc., for inhaling into the nose with a straw
Meth — methamphetamine
Merck — pharmaceutical cocaine
Mini Beans — small benzedrine tablets
Nose Candy — cocaine
Pep Pill — amphetamine
Peruvian — cocaine
Pill Freak — user of any type of pills
Pillow — 25,000 amphetamine tablets, usually packaged in black plastic bags
Pop — to take a drug by either injecting or through the mouth
P-2-P — phenyl-2-propanone (chemical used to manufacture meth)
Roll — ten pills sold in a roll (usually tinfoil)
Script — drug prescription
Snort — to sniff the drug through the nose
Snow — cocaine
Spacebasing — crack dipped in PCP and smoked
Speed — methamphetamine
Speedball — mixture of heroin and a stimulant drug such as cocaine or amphetamine
Tabs — tablets
Toot — cocaine
Upper — amphetamines
Whites — benzedrine
White Girl — cocaine
Wired — to be under the influence of a drug

Slang Used by Users and Pushers

Acid Head — one who uses LSD
Amped — high on stimulants, usually amphetamines
Bag — \$10 to \$25 worth of heroin
Baggy — a quantity of marijuana in a plastic bag

Balloon — a small amount of heroin, sold in a toy balloon or condom
Bindle — a small packet of narcotics
Blow a Stick (or Joint) — to smoke marijuana
Blow Your Mind — to get high on a hallucinogenic drug
Bummer, Bum Trip, Bad Trip — bad hallucinogenic drug experience
Burned — user has received phony or very weak drugs
Cap — a capsule of drugs
Carry, Carrying — to be in possession of drugs
Chip, Chipping — an occasional narcotic user who takes small doses
Clean — not in possession of drugs, or having withdrawn from drug use
Crash — a stupor caused by an overdose of drugs
Cut — to dilute a drug with some other substance
Deal — to sell drugs
Dealer — someone who sells drugs
Dime Bag — A \$10 purchase of drugs (usually heroin)
Dirty — to be in possession of drugs
Drop — to swallow drugs
Dry up — to inject drugs
Dump, Flash — to vomit after taking drugs
Fix — to inject narcotics
Flipped out — crazy
Guide — a babysitter for an abuser of hallucinogens during an experience
Head — an addict
Heat — the police or a narcotics officer
High — being under the influence of drugs
Hit — taking a drag of marijuana cigarette
Holding — having drugs in possession
Hooked — addicted to drugs
Hot Shot — a fatal dosage of narcotics
Keister Plant — drugs which are hidden in the rectum
Kick (the Habit) — abandon a drug habit
Kilo — 2.2 pounds, a common quantity of marijuana and narcotics for sale
Lid — 1 oz. of marijuana
Light up — to smoke marijuana
Loaded — being very high (under the influence) on drugs
Looking — wishing to purchase drugs
Mainline — to inject drugs directly into the vein
Mainliner — a person who injects drugs directly into the vein
Make a Buy, Make a Meet — to purchase drugs

Matchbox — ½ oz. of marijuana
Mule — a person who sells or transports for a regular peddler
Narc — a narcotics officer
Needle Man — an addict
Nickel Bag — \$5 purchase of drugs
On the Nod — to get sleepy from heroin or depressants
O.D. — to overdose on drugs
Pad — a user's residence
Paper — a bindle of heroin
Plant — a location where drugs are concealed
Pop, Skin Pop — an injection just under the skin
Pothead — a marijuana user
Psychedelic — a mind-altering hallucinogenic experience
Push — to sell drugs
Pusher — a person who sells drugs
Rat — an informer
Rush, Flash — a strong, pleasurable feeling following a drug injection
Score — to purchase drugs
Shoot up — to inject drugs
Shooting Gallery — a place where narcotic addicts inject heroin
Snowbird — a cocaine user
Spaced out — out of touch with reality
Speed Freak — a chronic user of methamphetamine
Spike — a hypodermic needle (with syringe) used to inject drugs
Spoon — about 2 grams of heroin
Stash — a personal supply of drugs
Stepped on — a drug that has been diluted (same as "cut")
Stoned — being under the influence of drugs
Stoolie — an informer
Strung out — being addicted; in bad physical shape due to drug habit
Swing Man — a drug supplier
Toke, Toke-up — to smoke marijuana
Trip, Tripping — being under the influence of a hallucinogenic drug
Turn on — to take a drug, or introduce someone else to drugs
User — someone who takes drugs, or is an addict
Wasted — being under the influence of drugs
Weed Head — a regular marijuana user
Wiped out — to have lost consciousness from abusing drugs
Works — drug injecting equipment
Zonked, Zonked out — really "loaded" or overdosed on drugs

DRUG COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

There are thousands of individuals in the Sacramento area who are suffering from drug and alcohol addiction or other related problems. If, for any reason, you feel the need for assistance please contact one of the agencies listed below. In addition to the organizations mentioned here there are many private agencies which you can locate in the Sacramento telephone directory under Drug Abuse and Additional Information and Treatment Centers, page 661.

California Self-Help Center
1-800-222-5465

Sacramento County Department
of Social Services
Information Line
732-3072

Sacramento AIDS Foundation
448-2437

Sacramento County Public
Health Department — Testing
440-7720
Information
336-2922

Alcoholics Anonymous
454-1100

National Institute on Drug Abuse
1-800-662-4357

Sacramento County Drug Program
440-6510, 366-2736

Sacramento County
Alcoholism Center
440-6233

Children's Protective Services
366-2386

Sacramento County
Mental Health Center
732-3755

Suicide Prevention Service
368-3111

Women Escaping a
Violent Environment
448-2321

(WEAVE) 24-Hour Crisis Line
920-2952