

CLUB DRUGS or "DATE RAPE" DRUGS

Club drugs or "date rape" refer collectively to a group of various drugs synthetically concocted by underground chemists and commonly used by young adults at all-night dance parties such as "raves" and "trances," dance clubs, and bars. Club drugs are colorless, tasteless, and odorless. Four popular club drugs are Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDMA), Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB), Ketamine, and Rohypnol.

MDMA:

Slang Terms:

Ecstasy, XTC, Adam, Clarity,
Lover's speed



GHB:

Slang Terms:

Grievous Bodily Harm, G
Georgia Home Boy, Liquid Ecstasy

KETAMINE:

Slang Terms:

Special K, K, Vitamin K, Cat



ROHYPNOL:

Slang Terms:

Roofies, Rophies, Roche,
Forget-me Pill

The Experience

Some club drugs are stimulants while others are depressants, but all seem to induce feelings of warmth and openness, greatly enhance the sense of touch, and increase the desire for sex. The stimulant effects of:

- ♣ **MDMA** can enable users to dance for extended periods of time.
- ♣ **GHB**, in low doses, can relieve anxiety and produce relaxation.
- ♣ **Ketamine** produces dream-like states and hallucinations.
- ♣ **Rohypnol** causes profound amnesia resulting in a user not remembering anything while under the influence of the drug.

Side Effects:

Hallucinations, Vomiting, Paranoia Blurred eyesight,
Fainting Chills, Sweating Teeth clenching
Restlessness Sleeping Problems, Depression Confusion,
Nausea Difficulty breathing, Drowsiness Decreased heart
rate, Sweating Headache, Loss of reflexes Coma, Tremors
Delirium, Amnesia High Blood Pressure

LSD (Lysergic Acid Diethyl amide)

Liquid LSD is a clear liquid, usually in a small container, tube or flask. LSD can also be found in thin squares of gelatin. LSD is the most common hallucinogen. LSD tabs are often decorated with colorful designs or cartoon characters .

Slang terms

Acid, microdot, tabs, doses, trips, hits,



The Experience

The user may feel several different emotions at once or swing rapidly from one emotion to another. If taken in a large enough dose, the drug produces delusions and visual hallucinations. The user's sense of time and self changes. Sensations may seem to "cross over," giving the user the feeling of hearing colors and seeing sounds. These changes can be frightening and can cause panic.

The effects of LSD are unpredictable. They depend on the amount taken, the user's personality, mood, and expectations, and the surroundings in which the drug is used.

HARMFUL DRUGS



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WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

Drugs

Drugs change the way the body and the brain function.

Common Drug Types

There are many different types of drugs you should be aware of. Some are prescribed, others are known as club drugs, illicit or illegal substances, and some are called designer drugs.

Classification

Depressants, Stimulants, Hallucinogens and inhalants

PHENCYCLIDINE (PCP)

Phencyclidine (PCP)

PCP is a white crystalline powder with a distinctive bitter chemical taste.

Slang Terms:

Angel dust Rocket fuel, Mist Dust, Wack, Elephant tranquilizer, Flying Saucers Ozone, Peace pill

The Experience:

The PCP experience is pleasant sometimes. It can produce euphoria, relaxation and can alleviate pain. Effects of PCP can last up to six weeks. Regular PCP users tend to lose their fine motor skills and short-term memory. The use of PCP with other depressants such as alcohol can lead to coma or death.

Side Effects:

Hallucinations, Tremors, Slurred Speech Increased heart rate, Blurred eyesight Numbness, Hostility, Personality changes, Paranoia Panic, Vomiting, Blackouts, Increased blood pressure, Change in body awareness.

METHAMPHETAMINES (MA)

Methamphetamines (MA) are synthetic amphetamines or stimulants that are produced and sold illegally. MA is a crystal-like powder substance often made in clandestine laboratories from relatively inexpensive over-the-counter ingredients. This drug strongly activates certain systems in the brain.

Slang Terms:

Meth Crank, Glass Crystal, Fire Ice, Crypto, Speed, White cross Chalk



The experience:

MA users experiences a sensation of extreme pleasure called a “rush” that can last as long as 20 minutes followed by changes in thought wherein the user feels powerful, clever, smart, and funny. These feelings can last between 18 and 24 hours. MA users may have psychological symptoms such as delusions of insects under their skin which leads to obsessive scratching.

Side Effects:

Impaired speech Aggression, Hallucinations Increased heart rate, Acne or sores Memory loss, Violence, Irritability, Paranoia Insomnia, Psychotic behavior, Loss of appetite, Nervousness, Anxiety

INHALANTS

Inhalants

These are breathable chemicals that produce mind altering vapors. People do not think of inhalants as drugs because most of the products used as inhalants are sold legally for another purpose.

Slang Terms:

Laughing Gas Rush Whippets, Snappers Poppers

The Experience:

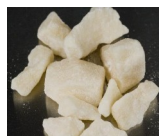
Initially users may feel slightly stimulated with successive inhalations, less inhibited and less in control sometimes leading to loss of consciousness. Inhaling highly concentrated amounts of the chemicals can directly induce heart failure and death

Side Effects:

Nausea, Loss of appetite, Double vision Runny/bloody nose, Lack of coordination, Erratic heart beat Coughing, Vomiting Diarrhea, Headache Chest pain, Poor memory, Anxiety, Irritability, Confusion Moodiness, Fatigue , Aggressiveness, Hand Tremors, etc.

CRACK

Crack is the street name given to cocaine that has been processed from cocaine hydrochloride to a free base for smoking. It is in the form of small, hard, white chunks and is a stimulant to the central nervous system. Crack is deadlier than other forms of cocaine and is extremely addictive.



The Experience

Crack reaches the brain in less than 8 seconds and produces a “high” which peaks in 10-15 seconds and lasts only 15 minutes. This “high” is produced because crack tricks the brain into releasing chemicals that produce a false feeling of intense pleasure. The “high” is immediately followed by an intense “low”. The “low” begins with feelings of sadness and depression, followed by irritability, sleeplessness, and paranoia.

Side Effects:

Chronic sore throat, Bronchitis, Respiratory problems, Weight loss, Brain seizures, Sweating, High blood pressure, Hoarseness, Lung cancer, Slowed digestion, Increased heart rate, Dilated pupils, Heart attack, Shortness of breath, Emphysema, Burning of the lips/tongue/throat, Increased blood pressure, Increased body temperature, Increased blood sugar levels

BENZOYLECOGNINE (Cocaine)

Benzoylecognine (Cocaine) is a powerful central nervous system stimulant that is in the form of a white crystalline powder.

Slang Terms:

Coke Snow, Flake Nose candy, Blow Big C, Snowbirds White Lady,



The Experience:

Cocaine provides intense feelings of pleasure, heightens alertness, inhibits appetite and the need for sleep. The high appears almost immediately after a single dose and disappears within a few minutes or hours depending on how it is taken. The faster the absorption of the cocaine occurs, the more intense but shorter in duration the high will be. Cocaine can trigger a number of unpleasant, sometimes deadly effects. Prolonged cocaine snorting can result in ulceration of the mucous membrane of the nose and can damage the nasal septum enough to cause it to collapse.

Side Effects:

Rapid speech Bizarre behavior, Tremors, Muscle twitches, Paranoia, Anxiety, Seizures, Blurred Vision, Headaches, Insomnia, Heart attack, Coma