



# Drug Identificaiton Chart

DRUG USED/ SLANG NAME	PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS	LOOK FOR	DANGERS
<b>COCAINE CRACK</b> <i>- coke, snow</i>	Muscular twitching, convulsive movements, sudden mood changes, exhilaration, hallucinations, paranoia, dilated pupils	White odourless powder, crystalline substance in small vial or envelope, smoking devices, razor blades, sniffles.	Seizures, death from overdose, psychological and physical dependence, nasal membrane damage
<b>ECSTASY</b> "E"	Anxiety or panic attacks, blurred vision, increased heart rate, depression, paranoia, poor concentration	Pills of various colours, excitability, poor motor skills, loss of inhibition, impaired judgement	Severe dehydration and heat exhaustion leading to death, abnormal heart rate, liver damage
<b>HALLUCINOGENS LSD - acid PSILOCYBIN</b> <i>- magic mushrooms - shrooms</i>	Severe hallucinations, altered state of reality, incoherent speech, vomiting, laughing, crying, suicidal or violent behaviour, irregular breathing	Strong vile body odour, small vials, very small tablets, paper wrapped in foil, clear liquid in vial.	Suicidal tendencies, unpredictable behaviour, personality damage from chronic usage, panic, accidental death, can be absorbed through skin.
<b>OPIATES HEROIN, MORPHINE</b> <i>- snow, stuff, H, smack, scag, junk</i>	Stupor, needle marks on body, watery eyes, loss of appetite, blood stain on shirt sleeve, inattentive	Syringe or homemade needle, cotton balls, tourniquet in form of rope or belt, burnt bottle	Death from overdose, physical addiction, severe blood infections from dirty needles
<b>MARIJUANA</b> <i>- reefer, pot, weed, grass, ganja, mary jane</i>	Sleepiness, talkative hilarious mood, enlarged pupils, lack of coordination, craving for sweets	Smell of burnt leaves or rope, heavy sweet odour, small seeds, discoloured fingers and smoking devices, foil, plastic sandwich bags, cigarette papers	Gateway to use of stronger drugs, impaired judgement, behaviour dangerous to self and others
<b>STIMULANTS AMPHETAMINES &amp; METHAMPHETAMINES, CRYSTAL</b> <i>- uppers, bennies, co-pilots - crystal, ice</i>	Aggressive behaviour, giggling, silliness, rapid speech, confusion, no appetite, extreme fatigue, dry mouth, bad breath, shakiness, sweating, dry lips, itchy nose, irritable, violent	Various pills, tablets, capsules, caplets, syringes, crystalline substance in vial or envelope	Hallucinations, death from overdose, rapid heart rate, weight loss, addiction, mental disorder, suicidal, depression may accompany withdrawal
<b>SEDATIVES VALIUM, ETC.</b> <i>- downers, goofballs, red birds, yellow jackets, blue heavens, bards</i>	Drowsiness, dullness, slurred speech, drunk appearance, vomiting, sluggish, quarrelsome, uncoordinated	Tablets, capsules, caplets of various size and colour, syringes	Death from overdose, death from abrupt withdrawal, death when combined with alcohol, convulsions, unconsciousness, coma
<b>SOLVENTS &amp; INHALANTS</b> <i>- sniff</i>	Violence, drunk appearance, bizarre behaviour, odour of solvent or gasoline, excess nasal secretions, poor muscular control, watery eyes	Tubes or tins of glue or solvents, paper or plastic bags, Kleenex or cloth with odour of solvent, gas or glue, aerosol cans	Lung, brain, liver, nervous system damage, anaemia, death by suffocation, cardiac arrest
<b>STEROIDS</b> <i>- juice</i>	Acne, hair loss, aggressive irritable behaviour, mood swings, fluid retention, shrunken genitals, overdeveloped muscle	Syringe, vials, tablets	Sterility, liver & kidney damage, loss of bone mass, permanent scars

## COMMON SYMPTOMS OF DRUG ABUSE:

**A.** Changes in school attendance, discipline and grades. **B.** Change in the character of homework turned in. **C.** Unusual flare-ups or outbreaks of temper. **D.** Change in physical appearance. **E.** Secretive behaviour regarding drugs and possessions. **F.** Wearing of sunglasses at inappropriate times to hide dilated or constricted pupils. **G.** Long-sleeved shirts worn constantly to hide needle marks. **H.** Association with known drug abusers. **I.** Borrowing of money from students to purchase drugs. **J.** Stealing small items from school. **K.** Finding the student in odd places during the day such as closets, storage rooms, etc. - **to take drugs.** **L.** Stealing items from siblings, parents, etc.