

## Commonly Abused Drugs Chart

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Lists substances of abuse, including tobacco, alcohol, illicit and prescription drugs, listing their common and street names, how they are generally administered, and their potentially harmful health effects.

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<b>Tobacco</b>			
<b>Category &amp; Name</b>	<b>Examples of Commercial &amp; Street Names</b>	<b>DEA Schedule</b>	<b>How Administered*</b>
<b>Nicotine</b>	Found in cigarettes, cigars, bidis, and smokeless tobacco (snuff, spit tobacco, chew)	Not scheduled	Smoked, snorted, chewed
<p><b>Acute Effects</b> - Increased blood pressure and heart rate</p> <p><b>Health Risks</b> - Chronic lung disease; cardiovascular disease; stroke; cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, cervix, kidney, bladder, and acute myeloid leukemia; adverse pregnancy outcomes; addiction</p>			

<b>Alcohol</b>			
<b>Category &amp; Name</b>	<b>Examples of Commercial &amp; Street Names</b>	<b>DEA Schedule</b>	<b>How Administered*</b>
<b>Alcohol (ethyl alcohol)</b>	Found in liquor, beer, and wine	Not scheduled	Swallowed

**Acute Effects** - In low doses, euphoria, mild stimulation, relaxation, lowered inhibitions; in higher doses, drowsiness, slurred speech, nausea, emotional volatility, loss of coordination, visual distortions, impaired memory, sexual dysfunction, loss of consciousness

**Health Risks** - Increased risk of injuries, violence, fetal damage (in pregnant women); depression; neurologic deficits; hypertension; liver and heart disease; addiction; fatal overdose

## Cannabinoids

Category & Name	Examples of Commercial & Street Names	DEA Schedule	How Administered*
<b>Marijuana</b>	Blunt, dope, ganja, grass, herb, joint, bud, Mary Jane, pot, reefer, green, trees, smoke, sinsemilla, skunk, weed	I ?	Smoked, swallowed
<b>Hashish</b>	Boom, gangster, hash, hash oil, hemp	I ?	Smoked, swallowed

**Acute Effects** - Euphoria; relaxation; slowed reaction time; distorted sensory perception; impaired balance and coordination; increased heart rate and appetite; impaired learning, memory; anxiety; panic attacks; psychosis

**Health Risks** - Cough, frequent respiratory infections; possible mental health decline; addiction

## Opioids

Category & Name	Examples of Commercial & Street Names	DEA Schedule	How Administered*
<b>Heroin</b>	<i>Diacetylmorphine</i> : smack, horse, brown sugar, dope, H, junk, skag, skunk, white horse, China white; cheese (with OTC cold medicine and antihistamine)	I ?	Injected, smoked, snorted
<b>Opium</b>	<i>Laudanum, paregoric</i> : big O, black stuff, block, gum, hop	II, III, V ?	Swallowed, smoked

**Acute Effects** - Euphoria; drowsiness; impaired coordination; dizziness; confusion; nausea; sedation; feeling of heaviness in the body; slowed or arrested breathing

**Health Risks** - Constipation; endocarditis; hepatitis; HIV; addiction; fatal overdose

<b>Stimulants</b>			
<b>Category &amp; Name</b>	<b>Examples of Commercial &amp; Street Names</b>	<b>DEA Schedule</b>	<b>How Administered*</b>
<b>Cocaine</b>	<i>Cocaine hydrochloride</i> : blow, bump, C, candy, Charlie, coke, crack, flake, rock, snow, toot	II <input type="checkbox"/>	snorted, smoked, injected
<b>Amphetamine</b>	<i>Biphetamine, Dexedrine</i> : bennies, black beauties, crosses, hearts, LA turnaround, speed, truck drivers, uppers	II <input type="checkbox"/>	swallowed, snorted, smoked, injected
<b>Methamphetamine</b>	<i>Desoxyn</i> : meth, ice, crank, chalk, crystal, fire, glass, go fast, speed	II <input type="checkbox"/>	swallowed, snorted, smoked, injected

**Acute Effects** - Increased heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature, metabolism; feelings of exhilaration; increased energy, mental alertness; tremors; reduced appetite; irritability; anxiety; panic; paranoia; violent behavior; psychosis

**Health Risks** - Weight loss, insomnia; cardiac or cardiovascular complications; stroke; seizures; addiction

**Also, for cocaine** – Nasal damage from snorting

**Also, for methamphetamine** – Severe dental problems

<b>Club Drugs</b>			
<b>Category &amp; Name</b>	<b>Examples of Commercial &amp; Street Names</b>	<b>DEA Schedule</b>	<b>How Administered*</b>
<b>MDMA (methylene-dioxy-methamphetamine)</b>	Ecstasy, Adam, clarity, Eve, lover's speed, peace, uppers	I <input type="checkbox"/>	swallowed, snorted, injected
<b>Flunitrazepam **</b>	<i>Rohypnol</i> : forget-me pill, Mexican Valium, R2, roach, Roche, roofies, roofinol, rope, rophies	IV <input type="checkbox"/>	swallowed, snorted
<b>GHB **</b>	<i>Gamma-hydroxybutyrate</i> : G, Georgia home boy, grievous bodily harm, liquid ecstasy, soap, scoop, goop, liquid X	I <input type="checkbox"/>	swallowed

**Acute Effects, for MDMA** - Mild hallucinogenic effects; increased tactile sensitivity; empathic feelings; lowered inhibition; anxiety; chills; sweating; teeth clenching; muscle cramping

**Also, for Flunitrazepam** - Sedation; muscle relaxation; confusion; memory loss; dizziness; impaired coordination

**Also, for GHB** - Drowsiness; nausea; headache; disorientation; loss of coordination; memory loss

**Health Risks, for MDMA** - Sleep disturbances; depression; impaired memory; hyperthermia; addiction

**Also, for Flunitrazepam** - Addiction

**Also, for GHB** - Unconsciousness; seizures; coma

## Dissociative Drugs

Category & Name	Examples of Commercial & Street Names	DEA Schedule	How Administered*
<b>Ketamine</b>	<i>Ketalar SV</i> : cat Valium, K, Special K, vitamin K	III ?	injected, snorted, smoked
<b>PCP and analogs</b>	<i>Phencyclidine</i> : angel dust, boat, hog, love boat, peace pill	I, II ?	swallowed, smoked, injected
<b>Salvia divinorum</b>	Salvia, Shepherdess's Herb, Maria Pastora, magic mint, Sally-D	Not Scheduled	chewed, swallowed, smoked
<b>Dextromethorphan (DXM)</b>	Found in some cough and cold medications: Robotripping, Robo, Triple C	Not Scheduled	swallowed

**Acute Effects** - Feelings of being separate from one's body and environment; impaired motor function

**Also, for ketamine** - Analgesia; impaired memory; delirium; respiratory depression and arrest; death

**Also, for PCP and analogs** - Analgesia; psychosis; aggression; violence; slurred speech; loss of coordination; hallucinations

**Also, for DXM** - Euphoria; slurred speech; confusion; dizziness; distorted visual perceptions

**Health Risks** - Anxiety; tremors; numbness; memory loss; nausea

## Hallucinogens

Category & Name	Examples of Commercial & Street Names	DEA Schedule	How Administered*
<b>LSD</b>	<i>Lysergic acid diethylamide</i> : acid, blotter, cubes, microdot yellow sunshine, blue heaven	I ?	swallowed, absorbed through mouth tissues
<b>Mescaline</b>	Buttons, cactus, mesc, peyote	I ?	swallowed, smoked
<b>Psilocybin</b>	Magic mushrooms, purple passion, shrooms, little smoke	I ?	swallowed

**Acute Effects** - Altered states of perception and feeling; hallucinations; nausea

**Also, for LSD** - Increased body temperature, heart rate, blood pressure; loss of appetite; sweating; sleeplessness; numbness, dizziness, weakness, tremors; impulsive behavior; rapid shifts in emotion

**Also, for Mescaline** - Increased body temperature, heart rate, blood pressure; loss of appetite; sweating; sleeplessness; numbness, dizziness, weakness, tremors; impulsive behavior; rapid shifts in emotion

**Also, for Psilocybin** - Nervousness; paranoia; panic

**Health Risks, for LSD** - Flashbacks, Hallucinogen Persisting Perception Disorder

## Other Compounds

Category & Name	Examples of Commercial & Street Names	DEA Schedule	How Administered*
<b>Anabolic steroids</b>	<i>Anadrol, Oxandrin, Durabolin, Depo-Testosterone, Equipoise</i> : roids, juice, gym candy, pumpers	III <input type="checkbox"/>	Injected, swallowed, applied to skin
<b>Inhalants</b>	<i>Solvents (paint thinners, gasoline, glues); gases (butane, propane, aerosol propellants, nitrous oxide); nitrites (isoamyl, isobutyl, cyclohexyl)</i> : laughing gas, poppers, snappers, whippets	Not scheduled	Inhaled through nose or mouth

**Acute Effects, for Anabolic steroids** - No intoxication effects

**Also, for Inhalants (varies by chemical)** - Stimulation; loss of inhibition; headache; nausea or vomiting; slurred speech; loss of motor coordination; wheezing

**Health Risks, for Anabolic steroids** - Hypertension; blood clotting and cholesterol changes; liver cysts; hostility and aggression; acne; in adolescents—premature stoppage of growth; in males—prostate cancer, reduced sperm production, shrunken testicles, breast enlargement; in females—menstrual irregularities, development of beard and other masculine characteristics

**Also, for Inhalants** - Cramps; muscle weakness; depression; memory impairment; damage to cardiovascular and nervous systems; unconsciousness; sudden death

## Prescription Medications

Category & Name	Examples of Commercial & Street Names	DEA Schedule	How Administered*
<b>CNS Depressants</b>	For more information on prescription medications, please visit the <a href="#">Commonly Abused Prescription Drug Chart</a>		
<b>Stimulants</b>			

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<b>Opioid Pain Relievers</b>			

## Notes

\* Some of the health risks are directly related to the route of drug administration. For example, injection drug use can increase the risk of infection through needle contamination with staphylococci, HIV, hepatitis, and other organisms.

\*\* Associated with sexual assaults.

## Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment

More than three decades of scientific research show that treatment can help drug-addicted individuals stop drug use, avoid relapse and successfully recover their lives. Based on this research, 13 fundamental principles that characterize effective drug abuse treatment have been developed. These principles are detailed in [NIDA's Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment: A Research-Based Guide](#). The guide also describes different types of science-based treatments and provides answers to commonly asked questions.

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