

MISCELLANEOUS DRUGS

Hallucinogens

Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), mescaline, and psilocybin cause illusions and hallucinations. The physical effects may include dizziness, weakness, tremor, nausea, and drowsiness. Sensations and feelings may change rapidly. It is common to have a bad psychological reaction to LSD, mescaline and psilocybin. The user may experience panic, confusion, suspicion, anxiety, and loss of control. Delayed effects or flashbacks can occur even years after the use has ceased.

Phencyclidine (PCP) produces multiple and dramatic behavior alternation. Because the drug blocks pain receptors, violent PCP episodes may result in self-inflicted injuries. The effects of PCP vary, but users generally report a sense of distance and space estrangement. Time and body movements are slowed. Muscular coordination worsens and senses are dulled. Speech is blocked and incoherent.

Chronic users of PCP report persistent memory problems and speech difficulties. Mood disorders—depression, anxiety, and violent behavior—also occur. Large doses of PCP may produce convulsions, coma, heart and lung failure, or ruptured blood vessels in the brain.

<u>Type</u>	<u>What is it called?</u>	<u>What does it look like?</u>	<u>How is it used?</u>
Lysergic acid Diethylamide	LSD Acid Green or red dragon Sugar cubes Microdot	Brightly colored dots Impregnated blotter paper Thin squares of gelatin Clear liquid	Taken orally Licked off paper Eaten Gelatin and liquid can be put in eyes
Phencyclidine	PCP Angel dust Love boat Lovely Hog Killer weed Superpot (when combined with marijuana)	Liquid Capsules White crystalline powder Pills	Taken orally Inhaled Injected Smoked—can be sprayed on cigarettes, parsley and marijuana
Mescaline	Mesc	Hard brown disks	Chewed, Swallowed Smoked
Peyote	Buttons Cactus	Tablets Capsules	Chewed, Swallowed Smoked
Psilocybin	Magic mushrooms	Fried and dried mushrooms	Taken orally

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Cannabis (Marijuana)

All forms of cannabis have negative physical and mental effects. Several regularly observed physical effects of cannabis are increases in heart rate, bloodshot eyes, dry mouth and throat, and hunger.

Use of cannabis may impair or reduce the user's short-term memory and comprehension, alter the sense of time, and reduce the ability to perform tasks requiring concentration and coordination, such as driving a car. Retention of information while the person is high may be lower. Motivation and cognition are altered, making the acquisition of new information difficult. Marijuana can also produce paranoia and psychosis in susceptible individuals.

Because users often inhale the unfiltered smoke deeply and then hold it in their lungs as long as possible, marijuana is damaging to the lungs and respiratory system. The tar in marijuana smoke is highly irritating and carcinogenic. Long-term users may develop psychological dependence and tolerance.

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Marijuana	Pot Grass Weed Reefer Dope Mary Jane Acapulco gold Sinsemilla	Dried parsley mixed with stems, may include seeds	Eaten Smoked
Tetrahydro- Cannabinol	THC	Soft gelatin capsules Small wafers	Taken orally Smoked rarely Extract is injected
Hashish	Hash	Brown or black cakes or balls	Smoked
Hashish Oil	Hash Oil	Concentrated syrupy liquid varying in color from clear to black	Smoked (mixed with tobacco)

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Designer Drugs/Analogues

These are illegal drugs in terms of their chemical formulas. Chemists seeking to circumvent legal restrictions modify the molecular structure of certain illegal drugs to produce analogues. Known as designer drugs, they can be hundreds of times stronger than the drugs that they are designed to imitate.

Narcotic analogues can cause symptoms such as those seen in Parkinson's disease—uncontrollable tremors, drooling, impaired speech, paralysis, and irreversible brain damage. Analogues of amphetamines and methamphetamines cause nausea, blurred vision, chills or perspiration, and faintness. Psychological effects include anxiety, depression, and paranoia. As little as one dose can cause brain damage. Analogues of phencyclidine cause illusions, hallucinations, and impaired perception.

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Analogs of Fentanyl (Narcotic)	Synthetic heroin China white	White powder resembling Heroin	Inhaled through nose Injected
Analogs of meperidine (Narcotic)	Synthetic heroin MPTP (new heroin) MPPP PEPAP	White powder	Inhaled through nose Injected
Analogs of Amphetamines and Methamphetamines	MDMA (Ecstasy, XTC, Adam, Essence) MDM STP	White powder Tablets Capsules	Taken orally Injected Inhaled through nose
Analogs of Phencyclidine (Hallucinogens)	PCPy PCE TCP	White powder	Taken orally Injected Smoked

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Inhalants

A variety of psychoactive substances have been inhaled as gases or volatile liquids. Many popular commercial preparations such as paint thinners and cleaning fluids are mixtures of volatile substances, making it difficult to be specific about their various effects. There is no single “inhalant syndrome.”

Immediate negative effects of inhalants may include nausea, sneezing, coughing, nosebleeds, fatigue, and lack of coordination, slurred speech, and loss of appetite. Solvents and aerosols sprays may also decrease heart and respiratory rates and impair judgment. Amyl and butyl nitrate may cause rapid pulse, headaches and involuntary passing of urine and feces. Long-term use may result in brain damage, weight loss, electrolyte imbalance, and muscle weakness. Repeated sniffing of concentrated vapors over time can lead to permanent damage of the nervous system.

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Nitrous oxide	Laughing gas Whippets Buss bomb	Small 8-gram metal cylinder sold with a balloon or pipe	Vapors inhaled
Amyl nitrite	Poppers Snappers	Clear yellowish liquid in ampoules	Vapors inhaled
Butyl nitrite	Rush Bolt Locker room Bullet Climax	Packaged in small bottles	Vapors inhaled
Chlorohydrocarbons and Hydrocarbons	Aerosol sprays Solvents	Cans of aerosol propellants, Glue, Paint thinner, Gasoline Cleaning fluid	Vapors inhaled