

PROTECT. INFORM. INFLUENCE.

DRUG AWARENESS CHART

	DEPRESSANTS						STIMULANTS					HALLUCINOGENS																
	CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS) DEPRESSANTS ARE DRUGS THAT SLOW DOWN BRAIN ACTIVITY BY REDUCING AROUSAL OF THE BRAIN'S CEREBRAL CORTEX. THEY HAVE A CALMING EFFECT.						STIMULANTS ACTIVATE THE PSYCHIC FUNCTIONS BY INCREASING WAKEFULNESS AND GENERAL BRAIN ACTIVITY. THEY ACCELERATE THE THINKING PROCESS.					HALLUCINOGENS SUBSTANCES AFFECT THE PSYCHIC FUNCTIONS. THEY ALTER SENSORY PERCEPTION AND CAUSE CHANGES IN USER'S MOOD, THOUGHTS AND CONSCIOUSNESS.																
SUBSTANCE	GHB	HEROIN	FENTANYL			CODEINE	BENZO-DIAZEPINES	COCAINE	AMPHETAMINE/ METHAMPHETAMINE			CANNABIS						MDMA	KETAMINE	SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS								
APPEARANCE																												
DESCRIPTION	CLEAR LIQUID, SOMETIMES ODOURLESS, SOMETIMES WITH SALTY AND SOAPY TASTE	POWDER VARYING FROM WHITE TO BROWN	WHITE POWDER ALSO FOUND IN VARIOUS COLOURS	PATCHES	TABLETS OF DIFFERENT SHAPES, COLOURS AND LOGOS	BLOTTERS	SYRUP	TABLETS, CAPSULES OF DIFFERENT SHAPES, COLOURS AND LOGOS	SHINY CRYSTALLINE POWDER	LITTLE ROCKS COLOUR RANGING BETWEEN WHITE TO YELLOWISH CREAM TO BROWN	AMPHETAMINE/ METHAMPHETAMINE TABLETS OF DIFFERENT SHAPES, COLOURS AND LOGOS	AMPHETAMINE/ METHAMPHETAMINE WHITE POWDER ALSO FOUND IN VARIOUS COLOURS	METHAMPHETAMINE FINE GLOSSED TRANSPARENT CRYSTALS	MARIJUANA LEAVES AND DRIED LEAVES (BUDS), COLOUR VARYING FROM GREEN TO BROWN	HASHISH THICK OPAQUE PASTE WITH A SOFT TO HARD CONSISTENCY, LIGHT BROWN TO BLACK IN COLOUR	HASHISH OIL THICK, VISCOUS LIQUID; YELLOW, ORANGE, GREEN, BROWN OR BLACK IN COLOUR	WAX WAX, STICKY PASTE, AMBER TO YELLOW IN COLOUR	SHATTER SMOOTH, HARD AND BRITTLE CRYSTALS, AMBER TO YELLOW IN COLOUR	EDIBLE FOODS, DRINKS	TABLETS OF DIFFERENT SHAPES, COLOURS AND LOGOS	CAPSULES, POWDER, CRYSTALS.	WHITE POWDER	LIQUID	MIXTURE OF HERBS, SPICES OR ORGANIC MATERIALS	POWDER OR LIQUID OF VARIOUS COLORS	TABLETS OF DIFFERENT SHAPES, COLOURS AND LOGOS		
USUAL CONSUMPTION METHODS *	INGESTED	- SMOKED/INHALED - INJECTED - SNORTED	- SNORTED - INJECTED	- TOPIC - INGESTED - SMOKED/INHALED	- INGESTED - INJECTED - SNORTED	INGESTED	INGESTED	INGESTED	- INJECTED - SNORTED	SMOKED/INHALED	INGESTED	- SMOKED/INHALED - INJECTED - SNORTED	- SMOKED/INHALED - INJECTED	- SMOKED/INHALED - INGESTED	SMOKED/INHALED	SMOKED/INHALED	SMOKED/INHALED	SMOKED/INHALED	INGESTED	INGESTED	- SNORTED - SMOKED/INHALED	INJECTED	SMOKED/INHALED	- SNORTED - SMOKED/INHALED	INGESTED			
COMMON NAMES	GH, Liquid ecstasy, petit jus, Juice, Date rape drug	Smack, China white, Hard stuff, Point, Jazz	China white, China girl, Persian girl, Egg white, Synthetic heroin, Patch, Sticky, Sticker, Green monsters, Greenies, TNT				Lean, Purple drank, Sizzurp, Z-bars, Bars, Xan liquide, Dirty sprite	Coke, Coca, Powder, Snow	Crack, Rocks, Freebase	Speed, Peanut, Pills, Ice	Meth	Crystal meth, Glass, Ice, Cristal, Tina	Pot, Weed, Marijuana, Mari, Marijuana, Grass, Green	Hash, Resin, Brown	Oil, Liquid hash, Marijuana oil, Honey oil	Wax, Dabs, Butter, Budder, BHO, Bubble-hash, Honeycomb, Shatter	Gummies, Jujubes, Brownies, Pot muffin, Marrakesh butter, Space cake, Pot tea		Ecstasy, E, Molly, Party pill, Speed		Special K, K, Vitamine K		Spice, Yucatan fire, K2, JWH-018, HU-211, CP 47, AM-2201, AB-FUBINACA					
DESIRED EFFECTS *	Euphoria, reduced inhibition, decreased anxiety, relaxation.	Euphoria, overall sensation of well-being, sedation, control of withdrawal symptoms, pain relief.	Euphoria, feeling of well-being and satisfaction, sedation, control of withdrawal symptoms, pain relief.				Euphoria, feeling of well-being and satisfaction, sedation, control of withdrawal symptoms, pain relief.	Disinhibition, muscle relaxant effects, reduced anxiety, sedation, sleep.	Euphoria, increased sociability, energy and vigorous feeling, increased mental awareness and self-esteem, enhanced sensory perceptions (visual, auditory, kinesthetic).		Euphoria, increased energy and mental awareness, reduced appetite, sense of well-being.			Euphoria, sense of well-being, laughter, sense of calm and relaxation, sociability, carelessness, enhanced sensory perceptions.			Euphoria, intensification of emotions, feeling of sensuality and increased need to be intimate, altered sensual perceptions and pleasure.		Euphoria, floating sensation, stimulation, out of body experience (hallucinations), fantasy interactions (spiritual journeys), pain relief.			Euphoria, sense of well-being, laughter, sense of calm and relaxation, sociability, carelessness, enhanced sensory perceptions.						
SIDE EFFECTS *	Dizziness, drowsiness, confusion, lack of movement coordination, speech disorder, hallucination, loss of sensitivity to pain, short term memory loss, sedation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, urinary incontinence, muscular spasms, tremors. OVERDOSE Decreased heart rate, decreased blood pressure, respiratory depression, convulsion, sedation, coma, death par respiratory depression.	Apathy (suppression of emotions), mood disruption, agitation or slowness of movements, lack of concentration, speech disorder, blurred vision, dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting. OVERDOSE Decreased heart rate, blood pressure, and respiratory rate, convulsion, sedation, coma, death by respiratory depression. Antidote = Naloxone	Dizziness, drowsiness, depression, anxiety, blurred vision, decreased libido, loss of appetite, constipation, nausea, vomiting. OVERDOSE Decreased heart rate, blood pressure and respiratory rate, stiffness of thorax and abdomen muscles, convulsions, sedation, coma, death by respiratory depression. Antidote = Naloxone				Apathy (suppression of emotions), mood disruption, agitation or slowness of movements, lack of concentration, speech disorder, blurred vision, dizziness, drowsiness, sedation, coma and death by respiratory arrest. OVERDOSE Decreased heart rate, blood pressure and respiratory rate, stiffness of the muscles of the thorax and the abdomen, convulsions, sedation, coma, death by respiratory depression. Antidote = Naloxone	Fatigue, lethargy, altered judgement/ mood, confusion, disorientation, decreased awareness, amnesia, drowsiness, sedation, blurred vision, vertigo, dizziness, loss of balance, respiratory depression, depression, hostility, aggressiveness, sexual disorder. OVERDOSE Stupor, confusion, severe drowsiness, weakness, unsteady walk, bradycardia, respiratory disorder, loss of consciousness, coma, death.	Anxiety, depression, reduced appetite, accelerated heart rate, hypertension. OVERDOSE Chest pain, cardiac conduction disorder, confusion, convulsions, respiratory depression, coma, death.		Anxiety, irritability, impaired judgment, increased heart rate and body temperature, reduced appetite, aggressive thoughts, anger, paranoia, insomnia, tactile hallucinations. OVERDOSE Hypertension, chest pain, kidney failure, toxic psychosis, coma, death.			Altered time perception, physical and mental slowness, loss of concentration, ambition and initiative, decreased blood pressure, increased heart rate. OVERDOSE OR CHRONIC USE Motivation loss, drowsiness, confusion, disorientation, delirium, depression, toxic psychosis, activation of latent schizophrenia.			Anxiety, insomnia, motivation loss, visual hallucinations, fatigue, depressive state, increased blood pressure and heart rate, urinary retention. OVERDOSE Agitation, panic, paranoia, convulsions, severe depression, toxic psychosis, kidney failure.			Thought disorder, dissociative experience, altered mood, perceptions, thoughts and state of consciousness, altered vision, bad trip. OVERDOSE Paralysis, convulsions, prolonged sedation, death by respiratory depression.			Drowsiness, agitation, vomiting, altered time perception, short term memory loss, confusion, depression. OVERDOSE Lack of coordination of movement, slurred speech, toxic psychosis, chest pains, convulsion, kidney failure, respiratory depression, sedation, coma, death.					
VISIBLE SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS	Sleepiness, confusion, short term memory loss, slowness of movements, decreased muscle strength, slow or absent breathing.	Injection marks, pinpoint pupils, slow or absent breathing, slowed speech and movements, reduced appetite, itchiness, clammy, cold and bluish skin, dry mouth, excessive sweating.	Injection marks, transparent adhesive patches on the skin, pinpoint pupils, slow or absent breathing, slowed speech and movements, loss of appetite, itchiness, clammy, cold and bluish skin, dry mouth, excessive sweating.				Pinpoint pupils, slow or absent breathing, slowed speech and movements, reduced appetite, itchiness, clammy, cold and bluish skin, dry mouth, excessive sweating.	Speech disorder, severe drowsiness, irritability, disorientation, psychomotor disorder, confusion, dry mouth, skin rash, nausea, vomiting.	Dilated pupils, dehydration, chapped (dried) nostrils, nosebleeds, injection marks, sniffing, dry mouth and lips, speech disorder, lack of coordination, sweating, tremors, hyperactivity.		Agitation, dilated pupils, sweating or chills, dry mouth, nausea or vomiting, weight loss, tremors, confusion, purplish, brown or black skin (death of skin cells).			Redness of the eyes, dry mouth, lack of coordination, uncontrolled appetite.			Dilated pupils, increased sociability, excessive sweating, teeth grinding, tension of the jaw, reduced appetite.		Unconsciousness, memory loss, lack of coordination, slurred speech, fever, nose bleeding, nausea, anxiety, confusion, slow or absent breathing.			Redness of the eyes, dry mouth, lack of coordination of movements, tremors.						
IMPORTANT MESSAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GHB is a drug often associated to parties and is more and more popular, especially among young people.GHB is often combined with alcohol, which increases the risk of sedation, respiratory depression and death.Contrary to popular belief, GHB is mostly taken voluntarily for personal pleasure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In most cases, heroin dependence develops rapidly. In many users, it can even set off a process of social marginalization.Heroin is a powerful drug and its effects are unpredictable. Users do not know the actual strength or the amount of drug that they are using.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fentanyl is prescribed to relieve chronic pain. However, the effects of fentanyl are unpredictable. Users have no idea of the level of purity or the potency of what they take.Fentanyl is a synthetic product that is part of the same family as morphine. However, it is fifty to one hundred times more potent. Some analogs can be up to a thousand times more toxic than morphine.Fentanyl can be absorbed through the skin, mucous membranes or lungs and thus cause damage to health.Fentanyl in its powder form is sometimes mixed with different substances such as heroin. Fentanyl can also be mixed or substituted to other substances found in tablets form and sold as oxycodone, alprazolam (Xanax[®]) or other depressants.When Fentanyl is mixed with other depressants (ex: alcohol, antidepressants, anxiolytics) there is an increased risk of potentially fatal overdose.Abuse of controlled or prescribed medication can lead to addiction and be just as harmful as illicit drugs.				<ul style="list-style-type: none">Codeine can be prescribed in different forms to relieve mild to moderate pain and cough.Lean is a reference to codeine syrup mixed with a white soft drink, alcohol or energy drink, to which candies are sometimes added for taste and colour. It is popular among young people due to its use by celebrities.The mix of codeine to other substances such as alcohol can potentially be very dangerous, even cause death.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use of benzodiazepine are legal when prescribed by a health professional and only for the person to whom they are prescribed (mostly prescribed to relieve anxiety and insomnia).Benzodiazepines present a high pharmacodependance potential, affecting 40% to 80% of users. Pharmacodependance can develop after as little as four to six weeks of daily use.Police officers often find and seize more and more counterfeit Xanax[®] (alprazolam). Those tablets are produced in clandestine laboratories and contain potentially dangerous substances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The toxicity of cutting agents and other contaminants, such as levamisole (animal dewormer), found in cocaine can cause serious health side effects and potentially death.Cocaine also produces strong psychological dependence that can be difficult to overcome.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Methamphetamine is at least twice as toxic as amphetamine. It can cause permanent brain damage.Use of methamphetamine and amphetamine can rapidly lead to abuse and dependence problems.Methamphetamine is one of the substances most commonly found in designer drug pills sold in Quebec.The risk of dependence is ten times greater when the drug is snorted or injected (faster effect).		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cannabis must not be considered trivial.Regular use can lead to psychological dependence.Physical dependence can also occur with daily use in large quantity.Cannabis extracts such as Wax and Shatter contain much higher doses of THC than any other cannabis form. As a result there is an increased risk of toxicity in smaller doses.Home production of cannabis extracts can cause explosions, fires as well as serious burns due to the handling of toxic, volatile and explosive substances.The effects from the consumption of edibles are little known, unpredictable and have slower onset. Risks of overconsumption and intoxication are also associated and can result in negative health consequences.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">MDMA is one of the most popular designer drugs but its effects are underestimated.The actual composition of a tablet sold as ecstasy is often uncertain. It may contain other substances, including methamphetamine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ketamine is often used in voluntary overdose to produce a near death experience.The experience is considered "successful" if the user can be resuscitated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Synthetic cannabinoids are a group of substances that mimics the effects of THC, principal active ingredient found in cannabis.As of now, more than 150 synthetic cannabinoids have been identified. Experts says that they can be 2 to a 100 times more toxic than THC.Synthetic cannabinoids are produced in clandestine laboratories and mainly sold online or in specialized smoke shops.In Canada, synthetic cannabinoids are illegal according to the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i>.												



ADDICTION / Drug abuse can lead to physical or psychological dependence and have serious consequences on users health and safety, as well as social and justice impacts.

LEGAL STATUS / The presented substances are either regulated or illegal. The drugs to the exception of cannabis* as well as the precursors used to produce them are included in Schedules I to VIII of the *Controlled Drugs and Substance Act*. Offences range from simple possession to possession for the purpose of trafficking, trafficking, importing, exporting, possession for the purpose of exporting, and producing. All these offences are punishable by criminal sanctions. *Cannabis is regulated in Canada through the *Cannabis Act* and provincial laws.

* WARNING

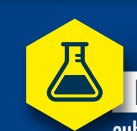
The effects experienced by users may vary based on their physical and mental health, size, weight, sex, age, the amount taken, the degree of purity of the substance, how it is taken and the context of use (Mixed with medication, other drugs or alcohol. Where the drug is taken, psychological and emotional state, etc.).



BE CAREFUL WITH POLYDRUG USE Mixing different substances results in unforeseeable effects and increased risk of intoxication that may pose serious health risks.



SCOURGE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE Designer drugs are sold at low prices among things in the form of tablets in attractive shapes to lure customers, often young people for whom their use has become commonplace.



Beware of Designer Drugs Designer drugs are home-made drugs containing a mixture of chemical substances and are produced in clandestine laboratories by criminal organizations. They constantly change the appearance, form, name, colour and shape of the substances and containers. Users have no idea what they are taking and in what amount.



ABUSE OR MISUSE OF MEDICATION While prescription or non-prescribed medication are not illegal, abuse or misuse of medication is an increasing trend. There is a misconception that prescription or non-prescribed medications are safe but when they are misused, these drugs can be just as harmful as illicit drugs and lead to dependence or even death. Medication sold online or on the street are most likely to be counterfeit. They are produced in clandestine laboratories which increase health risk when taking it.