

Drug	Effects	Health Risks
<p><b>Heroin</b></p> <p>Also called smack, horse, junk, H</p>	<p>Users feel a surge of euphoria and then alternate between wakeful and drowsy states for several hours. Heroin also makes physical pain disappear.</p> <p>Effects last a few hours.</p>	<p>Nausea, vomiting and severe itching are common reactions.</p> <p>Users can't think clearly and experience mood swings. Large doses can reduce breathing so much that users slip into a coma and may die.</p> <p>Since users cannot be aware of the strength of street heroin, overdose and death often occur.</p>
<p><b>GHB, Ketamine and Rohypnol®</b></p> <p>Also called "date rape" drugs</p>	<p>Users feel relaxed, drowsy and sometimes euphoric. They lose inhibitions.</p> <p>Effects can last up to 24 hours.</p>	<p>Users can be incapacitated and unable to resist sexual assault.</p> <p>Excessive use could lead to seizures and even collapse.</p> <p>When mixed with other drugs, including alcohol, overdose can occur quickly and be fatal.</p>
<p><b>Stimulants (amphetamine, methamphetamine, ecstasy)</b></p> <p>Also called upper, speed, meth, chalk, ice, love drug</p>	<p>Oral or intranasal doses can make users feel alert and energetic.</p> <p>After smoking or intravenous injection, users experience a brief but intense sensation that is described as extremely pleasurable.</p> <p>Effects last various lengths of time depending on the drug.</p>	<p>Users may feel confused, irritable, anxious and even aggressive. Stimulants may lead to overheating and dehydration. They may cause tremors and insomnia.</p> <p>They can also increase heart rate and blood pressure and cause irreversible damage to blood vessels in the brain, producing strokes.</p>