



Choices 2017

COMMONLY USED/ABUSED DRUGS & THEIR RISKS

Name		Immediate Effects	Most Common Complications/ Long Term Effects	Risk of Dependence	
STIMULANTS	Amphetamines	Benzedrine, Dexedrine, Methedrine, diet pills, MDMA (Ecstasy)	Euphoria, increased alertness, excitation, decreased appetite, insomnia, restlessness	Nervousness, paranoia, hallucinations, dizziness, tremors, decreased mental ability, sexual impotence, insomnia, skin disorders, malnutrition, delusions, psychosis, seizures, death	Psychological - ■ Physical - ■
	Cocaine	Cocaine powder, crack, freebased coke	Brief euphoria, increased energy, intense exhilaration	Tremors, nasal bleeding and inflammation, toxic psychosis, seizures, damage to nasal septum and blood vessels, death from overdose (heart or respiratory failure)	Psychological - ■ Physical - ■
	Nicotine	Cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff, chewing tobacco	Relaxation, increased confidence, increased blood pressure and respiration	High blood pressure, emphysema, bronchitis, heart and lung disease, cancer, death	Psychological - ■ Physical - ■
	Caffeine	Coffee, cola, No-Doz, tea	Increased mental alertness, increased blood pressure and respiration	Nervousness, insomnia, dehydration, stomach irritation, fatigue	Psychological - ■ Physical - ■
DEPRESSANTS	Alcohol	Beer, wine, liquor, some medications	Muscle relaxation, intoxication, depression; impaired motor control, memory, & judgment	Dehydration, hangover, obesity, impotence, ulcers, malnutrition, liver and brain damage, delirium, overdose or mixing with other depressants can cause respiratory failure, death	Psychological - ■ Physical - ■
	Tranquilizers	Valium, Librium, Equanil, Milltown, Phenobarbital	Relief of tension and anxiety, drowsiness	Hangover, menstrual irregularities, in/decrease effect of other drugs, destroys blood cells, jaundice, coma, death, especially dangerous with alcohol	Psychological - ■ Physical - ■
	Barbiturates	Nembutal, Amutal, Second, Phenobarbital	Euphoria, relief of anxiety, loss of inhibition, muscle relaxation, loss of motor control, drowsiness	Lethargy, hangover, blurred vision, nausea, depression, seizures, confusion, irritability, severe withdrawal sickness, can be fatal if mixed with alcohol/other depressants	Psychological - ■ Physical - ■
	Narcotics	Heroin, morphine, opium, codeine	Euphoria, drowsiness, painkiller	Respiratory and circulatory depression, dizziness, vomiting, sweating, dry mouth, lowered libido, lethargy, constipation, weight loss, temporary sterility and impotence, withdrawal sickness, stupor, death	Psychological - ■ Physical - ■
	Inhalants	Amul nitrate, butyl nitrate, nitrous oxide, glue, paint	Lowered blood pressure, relaxation of sphincter muscles, feeling of heightened sexual arousal	Nitrates headache, dizziness, accelerated heart rate, nausea, nasal irritation, cough, lost erection, hallucinations, liver, kidney, bone-marrow, and brain damage; death	Psychological - ■ Physical - ■

OTHER DRUGS	Cannabis	Marijuana, hashish, THC	Relaxation, altered sense of hearing, time, and vision; increased heart rate and appetite, insomnia, restlessness	Nervousness, paranoia, hallucinations, dizziness, tremors, decreased mental ability, sexual impotence, insomnia, skin disorders, malnutrition, delusions, psychosis, seizures, death	Psychological- Physical-
	Hallucinogens/ Psychedelics	LSD, psilocybin, MDA, peyote, DMT, STP	Hallucinations; altered sense of time; space, and visual perception; nausea; disorientation; panic	Depression, paranoia, physical exhaustion after use, exaggerated body distortion, fear of death, flashbacks, adverse drug reaction	Psychological- Physical-
					High - ■ Moderate - ■ Low - ■

Controlled Substance Categories & Examples	Felony Delivery & Obtaining Possession through Forgery or Fraud***	Misdemeanor Possession***
Schedule I: No accepted medical use in the US & a high potential for abuse.		
Narcotic:	Heroin	Jail: 15 years Fine: \$250,000*
Non-Narcotic: (special)	LSD Methaqualone	Jail: 5 years Fine: \$15,000
	Phencyclidine (PCP) Cocaine/Crack Marijuana over 1,000 lbs. Methamphetamines	Jail: 10 years Fine: \$100,000
	MDMA (Ecstasy)	Jail: 5-15 years Fine: \$15,000- \$250,000
Marijuana & Hashish:	Under 1,000 lbs.	Jail: 5 years Fine: \$15,000
	Under 30 grams Under 8 grams	** **
Schedule II: Drugs with a high potential for abuse; with severe psychic or physical dependence possible, but also having an accepted medical use.		
Narcotic:	Morphine Methadone	Jail: 15 years Fine: \$250,000**

Non-Narcotic:	Amphetamine Barbitrate	Jail: 5 years Fine: \$15,000	Jail: 1 year Fine: \$5,000
Schedule III: Drugs with less abuse potential: an accepted medical use.			
	Codeine Compounds Tincture of Opium Phendimetrazine	Jail: 5 years Fine: \$ 15,000*	Jail: 1 year Fine: \$5,000
Schedule IV: Drugs with a lower potential for abuse and accepted medical use.			
	Valium Ativan Rohypnol	Jail: 3 years Fine: \$10,000*	Jail: 1 year Fine: \$5,000
Schedule V: Drugs with low potential for abuse and accepted medical use.			
	Parepectolin		Jail: 1 year Fine: \$5,000

*A fine of any larger amount is allowed to exhaust the assets or profits of the illegal manufacture on the distribution of these Controlled Substances.

**The Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana or Hashish has no separate penalties for delivery or distribution.

***The above are PA state laws 204PA Code 303.1-303.9 Federal law also allows for increased fine and the possibility of loss of property, federal grants as defined by the Controlled Substances Act and regulation 21CFR 1300.11-1300.15.