Drug Categories and Their Common Effects



DEPRESSANTS

CNS

Alcohol Valium Prozac Xanax Soma Rohypnol (roofies) GHB

PUPIL SIZE

COMMON

EXAMPLES

REACTION TO LIGHT

BODY TEMPERATURE

MUSCLE TONE

OTHER INDICATORS

(users will not typically show all indicators)

CNS STIMULANTS

Cocaine Crack Methamphetamine Adderall Ritalin Dexedrine MDPV (bath salts)

Dilated

Slow

Up

Rigid

Restlessness

Excitement

Exaggerated

Runny nose

Dry mouth

Irritability

Redness to nasal

Loss of appetite

Grinding teeth

Increased alertness

•Euphoria

Talkative

reflexes

Anxiety

area

Body Tremors

Flaccid

Normal

Normal

Slow

•Euphoria

Depression

•Laughing/crying for no reason

•Reduced ability to divide attention

Disoriented

Sluggish

•Thick, slurred speech

•Drunk-like behavior

Droopy eyes

Fumbling

Relaxed inhibitions

Slowed reflexes

Uncoordinated

•Drowsy

HALLUCINOGENS

LSD (acid) MDMA (ecstasy) Peyote Psilocybin mushrooms

Dilated

Normal

Up

Rigid

Hallucinations

ParanoiaNausea

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•Perspiring

Dazed appearance

Flashbacks

•Body tremors

Disoriented

Memory loss

•Uncoordinated

•Synesthesia

(transposition of senses)

Difficulty in speechHuge pupils (MDMA)

DISASSOCIATIVE ANESTHETICS

PCP Ketamine DXM (cough medicine)

Normal

Normal

Up

Rigid

•Blank stare

•Confused

Cyclic behavior

•Perspiring

Chemical odor

 ${\bf \cdot} {\sf Hallucinations}$

Possibly violent and combative

•Warm to the touch

•Increased pain threshold

•Incomplete verbal responses

•Repetitive speech

NARCOTIC ANALGESICS

Heroin
Hydrocodone
Vicodin
Morphine
Oxycontin
Percodan
Methadone

Constricted

Little or none

Down

Flaccid

Droopy eyelids

•On the nod

Drowsiness

Depressed reflexes

Dry mouth

•Low, raspy slow speech

•Euphoria

•Fresh puncture marks

Itching

Nausea

•Track marks

INHALANTS

Solvents (gasoline, paint thinner, cleaning fluid, model glue) Aerosols (spray cans) Anesthetic gases (chloroform, whipped cream spray cans, nitrous oxide)

Normal

Slow

Up/Down/Normal

Normal or Flaccid

Confusion

•Flushed face

Intense headaches

•Bloodshot, watery eyes

•Lack of muscle control

•Odor of substance

 ${\color{red}\bullet} Non-communicative$

 ${\color{red}\bullet} \mathsf{Disoriented}$

•Slurred speech

Possible NauseaResidue of substance

around mouth and nose

CANNABIS

Marijuana Hash Hash oil Marinol Dronabinol K2 Spice

Dilated

Normal

Normal

Normal

Odor of marijuana

•Marijuana debris in the mouth

Body tremors

Increased appetite

•Relaxed inhibitions

Disoriented

•Possible paranoia

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ge papils (MDMM)

POLY DRUG USE The use of two or more drugs of different categories will cause the body to display a combination of effects. This is because each drug works independently. The results of poly drug use may be unpredictable but will generally show some indicators of each drug used. Alcohol and cannabis are the most common mixers with other drugs.