

Psychoactive Drugs Identification Chart										
	Drugs	Medical Uses	Medical Names	Slang Names	Forms	Usual Administration	Effects Sought	Possible Effects	Overdose	Long-Term Effects
Stimulants	Nicotine	None	Nicotine	Butt, chew, smoke, cig	Pipe, tobacco, cigarettes, snuff	Sniff, chew, smoke	Relaxation	Respiratory difficulties, fatigue, high blood pressure	None	Dependency, lung cancer, heart attacks, respiratory ailments
	Caffeine	Hyperkinesis, Stimulant	Caffeine	None	Chocolates, tea, soft drinks, coffee	Swallow	Alertness	Increased alertness, pulse rate, and blood pressure; excitation, insomnia, loss of appetite	Irritability	Dependency may aggravate organic actions
	Amphetamines	Hyperkinesis, Narcolepsy, Weight control, Mental disorders	Dexedrine, Benzedrine	Speed, bennies, dexies, pep pills	Capsules, liquid, tablets, powder	Inject, swallow	Alertness, activeness	Increased alertness, pulse rate, and blood pressure; excitation, insomnia, loss of appetite	Agitation, increase in body temperature, hallucinations, convulsions, possible death	Severe withdrawal, possible convulsions, toxic psychosis
	Cocaine	Local anesthetic	Cocaine	Coke, rock, crack, blow, toot, white, blast, snow, flake	Powder, rock	Inject, smoke, inhale	Excitation, euphoria	Increased alertness, pulse rate, and blood pressure; excitation, insomnia, loss of appetite	Agitation, increase in body temperature, hallucinations, convulsions, possible death	Dependency, depression, paranoia, convulsions
Depressants	Alcohol	None	Ethyl alcohol	Booze	Liquid	Swallow	Sense alteration, anxiety reduction	Loss of coordination, sluggishness, slurred speech, disorientation, depressions	Total loss of coordination, nausea, unconsciousness, possible death	Dependency, toxic psychosis, neurologic damage
	Sedatives	Anesthetic, Sedative hypnotic, Anti-convulsant	Secobarbital, Phenobarbital, Seconal	Barbs, reds, downers, sopors	Capsules, tablets, powder	Inject, swallow	Anxiety reduction, euphoria, sleep	Loss of coordination, sluggishness, slurred speech, disorientation, depressions	Cold clammy skin, dilated pupils, shallow respiration, weak and rapid pulse, coma, possible death	Dependency, severe withdrawal, possible convulsions, toxic psychosis
	Tranquilizers	Anti-anxiety, Sedative hypnotic	Valium, Miltown, Librium	Downers	Capsules, tablets	Swallow	Anxiety reduction, euphoria, sleep	Loss of coordination, sluggishness, slurred speech, disorientation, depressions	Cold clammy skin, dilated pupils, shallow respiration, weak and rapid pulse, coma, possible death	Dependency, severe withdrawal, possible convulsions, toxic psychosis
Narcotics	Opium	Analgesic, Antidarrheal	Paregoric	None	Powder	Smoke, swallow	Euphoria, prevent withdrawal, sleep	Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, sleep, nausea	Clammy skin, slow and shallow breathing, convulsions, coma, possible death	Dependency, constipations, loss of appetite, severe withdrawal
	Morphine	Analgesic, Antitussive	Morphine, pectoral syrup	None	Powder, tablet, liquid	Inject, smoke, swallow	Euphoria, prevent withdrawal, sleep	Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, sleep, nausea	Clammy skin, slow and shallow breathing, convulsions, coma, possible death	Dependency, constipations, loss of appetite, severe withdrawal

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Narcotics	Heroin	Research	Diacetylmorphine	China white, smack, junk, H, horse	Powder	Inject, swallow	Euphoria, prevent withdrawal, sleep	Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, sleep, nausea	Clammy skin, slow and shallow breathing, convulsions, coma, possible death	Dependency, constipations, loss of appetite, severe withdrawal
	Codeine	Analgesic, Antitussive	Codeine, Empirin compound with codeine, Robitussin AC	None	Capsules, tablets, liquid	Inject, swallow	Euphoria, prevent withdrawal, sleep	Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, sleep, nausea	Clammy skin, slow and shallow breathing, convulsions, coma, possible death	Dependency, constipations, loss of appetite, severe withdrawal
Cannabis	THC	Research, Cancer chemotherapy antinauseant	Tetrahydrocannabinol	THC	Tablets, liquid	Swallow	Relaxation, euphoria, increased perception	Relaxed inhibitions, euphoria, increased appetite, distorted perceptions, disoriented behavior	Fatigue, paranoia, possible psychosis	Amotivational syndrome, respiratory difficulties, lung cancer, interference with physical and emotional development
	Hashish	None	Tetrahydrocannabinol	Hash	Solid resin	Smoke	Relaxation, euphoria, increased perception	Relaxed inhibitions, euphoria, increased appetite, distorted perceptions, disoriented behavior	Fatigue, paranoia, possible psychosis	Amotivational syndrome, respiratory difficulties, lung cancer, interference with physical and emotional development
	Marijuana	Research	Tetrahydrocannabinol	Pot, grass, sinsemilla, dobie, ganja, dope, gold, herb, weed, reefer	Plant particles	Smoke, swallow	Relaxation, euphoria, increased perception	Relaxed inhibitions, euphoria, increased appetite, distorted perceptions, disoriented behavior	Fatigue, paranoia, possible psychosis	Amotivational syndrome, respiratory difficulties, lung cancer, interference with physical and emotional development
Hallucinogens	PCP	None	Phencyclidine	Angel dust, zoot, peace pill, hog	Tablets, powder	Smoke, swallow	Distortion of sense, insight, exhilaration	Illusions and hallucinations, distorted perception of time and distance	Longer and more intense "trips" or episodes, psychosis, convulsions, possible death	May intensify existing psychosis, flashbacks, panic reactions
	LSD	Research	Lysergic acid diethylamide	Acid, sugar	Capsules, tablets, liquid	Swallow	Distortion of sense, insight, exhilaration	Illusions and hallucinations, distorted perception of time and distance	Longer and more intense "trips" or episodes, psychosis, convulsions, possible death	May intensify existing psychosis, flashbacks, panic reactions
	Organics	None	Mescaline, psilocybin	Mesc, mushrooms	Crude preparations, tablets, powder	Swallow	Distortion of sense, insight, exhilaration	Illusions and hallucinations, distorted perception of time and distance	Longer and more intense "trips" or episodes, psychosis, convulsions, possible death	May intensify existing psychosis, flashbacks, panic reactions
Inhalants	Aerosols and Solvents	None	None	Glue, benzene, toluene, freon	Solvents, aerosols	Inhale	Intoxication	Exhilaration, confusion, poor concentration	Heart failure, unconsciousness, asphyxiation, possible death	Impaired perception, coordination, and judgment; neurologic damage

For more information, contact the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association Resource Center, 1030 E. Lafayette St., Suite 100, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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