



Royal Oak Community Coalition

Drug Signs and Symptoms Guide

Drug	Physical Symptoms	Look For	Dangers
<u>Alcohol</u> (beer, wine, liquor)	Intoxication, slurred speech, unsteady walk, relaxation, relaxed inhibitions, impaired coordination, slowed reflexes	Smell of alcohol on clothes or breath, intoxicated behavior, hangover, glazed eyes.	Addiction, accidents as result of impaired ability and judgment, overdose when mixed with other depressants, heart and liver damage
<u>Cocaine</u> (coke, rock, crack, base)	Brief intense euphoria, elevated blood pressure & heart rate, restlessness, excitement, feeling of well-being followed by depression	Glass vials, glass pipe, white crystalline powder, razor blades, syringes, needle marks.	Addiction, heart attack, seizures, lung damage, severe depression, paranoia
<u>Marijuana</u> (pot, dope, grass, weed, herb, hash, joint)	Altered perceptions, red eyes, dry mouth, reduced concentration and coordination, euphoria, laughing, hunger	Rolling papers, pipes, dried plant material, odor of burnt hemp rope, roach clips	Panic reaction, impaired short-term memory, addiction.
<u>Hallucinogens</u> (acid, LSD, PCP, MDMA, ecstasy, psilocybin, mushrooms, peyote)	Altered mood and perceptions, focus on detail, anxiety, panic, nausea, synaesthesia (ex: smell colors, see sounds)	Capsules, tablets, microdots, blotter squares	Unpredictable behavior, emotional instability, violent behavior (with PCP)
<u>Inhalants</u> (gas, aerosols, glue, nitrites, Rush, White Out)	Nausea, dizziness, headaches, lack of coordination and control	Odor of substance on clothing and breath, intoxication, drowsiness, poor muscular control	Unconsciousness, suffocation, nausea and vomiting, damage to brain and central nervous system, sudden death.
<u>Narcotics Heroin</u> (junk, dope, black tar, China white) Demerol, Dilaudid (D's), Morphine, Codeine	Euphoria, drowsiness, insensitivity to pain, nausea, vomiting, watery eyes, runny nose (see depressants)	Needle marks on arms, needles, syringes, spoons, pinpoint pupils, cold moist skin	Addiction, lethargy, weight loss, contamination from unsterile needles (hepatitis, AIDS), accidental overdose.
<u>Stimulants</u> (speed, uppers, crank, Bam, black beauties, crystal, dexies, caffeine, nicotine, cocaine, amphetamines)	Alertness, talkativeness, wakefulness, increased blood pressure, loss of appetite, mood elevation	Pills and capsules, loss of sleep and appetite, irritability or anxiety, weight loss, hyperactivity	Fatigue leading to exhaustion, addiction, paranoia, depression, confusion, possible hallucinations.
<u>Depressants</u> Barbiturates, sedatives, tranquilizers (downers, tranks, ludes, reds, Valium, yellow jackets, alcohol)	Depressed breathing and heartbeat, intoxication, drowsiness, uncoordinated movements	Capsules and pills, confused behavior, longer periods of sleep, slurred speech	Possible overdose, especially in combination w/ alcohol; muscle rigidity, addiction, withdrawal & overdose require medical treatment