



Commonly Abused Substances – Quick Reference

Drug name	Substances detected in urine	What to look for and physical symptoms	Dangers	Time detectable in urine
Amphetamines Uppers, Speed, Meth, Whites, Dexies, Crank, Black Beauties, Benny, Crystal, Jelly Beans, White Cross	Methamphetamine, Amphetamine	Tablets of varying colors, possible chain-smoking, long periods without rest or sleep •Loss of appetite, anxiety, irritability, rapid speech, tremors, mood elevation.	Disorientation, severe depression, paranoia; possible hallucinations, increase in blood pressure, fatigue	1 to 2 days
Cocaine Coke, Crack, Snow, C, Flake, White Candy, Freebase, Toot, Blow, Nose Candy, Rock	Benzoyllecgonine	Glassine envelopes, razor, small spoons; odorless, bitter, white, crystalline powder; granular rocks •Short-lived euphoria changing to depression irritability, nervousness, tightness of muscles	Shallow breathing, fever, anxiety, tremors; possible death from convulsions or respiratory arrest	1 to 3 days
Marijuana Dope, Pot, Reefer, Joint, Grass, Blow, Mary Jane	11-Nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid	Plastic baggies, rolling paper, “roach” clips, odor of burnt rope •Altered perception, dilated pupils, lack of concentration and coordination, craving for sweets, increased appetite, laughter	Psychological dependence, increased heart rate, impaired short-term memory, anxiety, lung damage; possible psychosis with chronic use	Occasional use: 1 to 3 days Chronic use: up to 30 days
Opiates Heroin (Smack, Horse, Junk, China White) Morphine (M, Miss Emma) Codeine (School Boy)	Codeine, Morphine	Glassine envelopes, needles and syringes, caps or spoons, tourniquets, needle marks on arms •Insensitivity to pain, euphoria, sedation, nausea, vomiting, itchiness, watery eyes, running nose	Lethargy, weight loss, hepatitis, slow and shallow breathing; possible death	1 to 3 days
Phencyclidine Angel Dust, Devil Stick, PCP, Dummy Dust, Wack	Phencyclidine	Liquid capsules; white or brown powder on paper stamps, sugar cubes, cigarettes, joints; injection paraphernalia •Increased pulse and heart rate, blood pressure and temperature; possible mood and perception alteration, paranoia, panic, anxiety, nausea, tremors, suicidal urge	Unpredictable behavior, flashbacks; possible emotional instability and psychosis, hallucinations	Occasional use: 1 to 5 days Chronic use: up to 30 days
Barbiturates Downers, Dolls, Reds, Tuinal, Rainbows, Yellows, Blues, Goofballs, M&M’s, Red Devils	Secobarbital, Butalbital, Pentobarbital, Phenobarbital, Amobarbital	Capsules of varying colors, longer periods of rest or sleep, dizziness, cold and clammy skin •Depression, decreased alertness and muscle control, intoxication and slurred speech, drowsiness	Rigidity and painful muscle contraction, emotional instability; possible overdose and death, especially when mixed with alcohol	Pentobarbital: 1 to 3 days Phenobarbital: 1 to 3 weeks
Benzodiazepines Downers, Tranqs	Diazepam, Chlordiazepoxide, Medazepam, Oxazepam, Nordiazepam, Temazepam,, Alprazolam	Pills and injection paraphernalia •Slurred speech, disorientation, drunken behavior without odor of alcohol	Shallow respiration, cold and clammy skin, dilated pupils, weak and rapid pulse, coma; possible death	1 to 14 days
Methadone Done, Dolophine, Methadose, Dolls	Methadone	Tablets, liquid, injection paraphernalia •Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, nausea	Slow and/or shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma; possible death	1 to 3 days

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Methaqualone Ludes, Sopor, Lemmon, Quaalude, Mequin	Methaqualone	Tablets •Slow heart rate and breathing, lowered blood pressure, sleepiness, feelings of well-being, loss of coordination, laziness, impaired perception, confusion, later hangover	Anxiety, insomnia	1 to 7 days
Propoxyphene	Norpropoxyphene, Propoxyphene	Tablets, capsules •Dizziness, drowsiness, headache, euphoria, dysphoria, asthenia	Skin rash and other allergic reactions occur occasionally and may be accompanied by drug fever and mucosal lesions, stupor, or coma; convulsions, respiratory depression	1 to 3 days