

# Common Drugs of Abuse

Name	Physical Symptoms	Dangers	Time Detectable	Name	Physical Symptoms	Dangers	Time Detectable
<b>Amphetamines</b> <b>Look For:</b> Tablets of varying colors, possible chain cigarette 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	<b>Methamphetamine, Amphetamine</b> Urine: 1 to 3 days Hair: up to 90 days (depending on hair length) Oral Fluid: 24 to 48 hours	<b>Marijuana</b> <b>Look For:</b> 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	<b>11-Nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid</b> Urine - occasional use: 1 to 3 days; habitual use: up to 30 days Hair: up to 90 days (depending on hair length) <b>Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol</b> Oral Fluid: up to 24-30 hours
<b>Anabolic Steroids</b> <b>Look For:</b> Oil-based injectable intramuscular solutions (ampoules, vials, syringes, bottles), tablets or lozenges for oral administration, sprays, skin lotions	Yellow tint skin color, acne, gynecomastia, gain in weight, accumulation of fluids, psychological disorders such as aggressiveness. In females: marked masculinization, deeper voice, male-pattern hair growth	Liver dysfunction, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, infertility	<b>Multiple metabolites, some parent steroids Testosterone to epitestosterone ratio (T/E) for detection of endogenous steroids abuse</b> Urine: if drug taken orally: up to 4 weeks; if drug injected: 1.5 months up to 1+ year	<b>MDMA</b> <b>Look For:</b> White odorless crystalline powder, tablets in various colors and stamped with various patterns	Euphoria, empathetic and unusually warm towards people, touch and sight senses often heightened	Tachycardia, hypertension, hyperthermia, mydriasis, diaphoresis, stimulant, entactogenic effects, visual hallucinations	<b>3-4 methylene dioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)</b> <b>3-4 methylene dioxyamphetamine (MDA)</b> Urine: 2 to 4 days Hair: up to 90 days (depending on hair length) Oral Fluid: 24 to 48 hours
<b>Barbiturates</b> <b>Look For:</b> 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	<b>Secobarbital, Butalbital, Pentobarbital, Amobarbital Phenobarbital</b> Urine (all except Phenobarbital): 1 to 3 days (short acting) Urine (Phenobarbital): 1 to 3 weeks	<b>Methadone</b> <b>Look For:</b> White crystalline powder, tablets, liquid (injectable)	Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, nausea	Slow and/or shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, possible death	<b>Methadone and metabolite</b> Urine: 1 to 3 days
<b>Benzodiazepines</b> <b>Look For:</b> 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	<b>Common Benzodiazepines and/or specific metabolites: Oxazepam, Nordiazepam, Temazepam (Restoril), Flurazepam (Dalmane), Alprazolam (Xanax), Lorazepam (Ativan), Chlordiazepoxide (Librium), Clorazepate (Tranxene), Diazepam (Valium), Halazepam (Paxipam), Medazepam (Nobrium), Prazepam (Centrax), Flunitrazepam, Clonazepam (Klonopin), Midazolam (Versed)</b> Urine: varies from 1 to 14 days (depending on specific Benzodiazepine)	<b>Prescription Opiates</b> <b>Look For:</b> Capsules, tablets	Insensitivity to pain, euphoria, sedation, nausea, vomiting, itchiness, watery eyes, running nose	Lethargy, weight loss, hepatitis, slow and shallow breathing, possible death	<b>Hydrocodone - Vicodin®, Lortab® Hydromorphone - Dilaudid®, Exalgo®, Palladone® Oxycodone - Endocet®, Oxycotin®, Percocet®, Percodan® Oxymorphone - Numorphan®, Opana®</b> Urine: 1 to 3 days Oral Fluid: 24 to 48 hours
<b>Cocaine</b> <b>Look For:</b> Glassine envelopes, razors, small spoons, 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	<b>Benzoylcegonine</b> Urine: 1 to 3 days Hair: up to 90 days (depending on hair length) Oral Fluid: 24 to 48 hours	<b>Opiates (Standard)</b> <b>Look For:</b> Glassine envelopes, needles and syringes, caps or spoons, tourniquets, needle marks on arms, capsules, tablets	Insensitivity to pain, euphoria, sedation, nausea, vomiting, itchiness, watery eyes, running nose	Lethargy, weight loss, hepatitis, slow and shallow breathing, possible death	<b>Codeine, Morphine (MS Contin®, OraMorph®, Roxanol®), Heroin</b> Urine: 1 to 3 days Hair: up to 90 days (depending on hair length) Oral Fluid: 24 to 36 hours
<b>Ketamine</b> <b>Look For:</b> Liquid or white powder	Disassociative effects similar to PCP, large doses put users into a dreamlike, hallucinogenic state	Tachycardia, hypertension, nystagmus, respiratory depression, visual hallucinations, cataleptic state	<b>Ketamine metabolite (dehydronorketamine)</b> Urine: 1 to 2 days	<b>Phencyclidine</b> <b>Look For:</b> 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	<b>Phencyclidine</b> Urine - occasional use: 1 to 5 days; habitual use: up to 30 days Hair: up to 90 days (depending on hair length) Oral Fluid: 24 to 48 hours
<b>LSD</b> <b>Look For:</b> Colorless, odorless tablets or capsules (microdots), liquid solution on gelatin (window panes), liquid solution diluted and impregnated on blotting paper (blotter)	Mood-altering effects, flashbacks, severe depression	Tachycardia, hypertension, hyperthermia, mydriasis, lacrimation, visual hallucinations, syntheses ataxia, tremors	<b>Lysergic acid diethylamide</b> Urine: 8 hours	<b>Propoxyphene</b> <b>Look For:</b> 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	<b>Norpropoxyphene</b> Urine: 1 to 3 days
<b>Rohypnol</b> <b>Look For:</b> Odorless, tasteless, white tablet				<b>Rohypnol</b> <b>Look For:</b> Odorless, tasteless, white tablet	Sedative effects, including amnesia, muscle relaxation and the slowing of psychomotor performance	Respiratory depression, hypotension, disorientation, dizziness, visual disturbances, anterograde amnesia	<b>Flunitrazepam metabolite (7-aminoflunitrazepam)</b> Urine: 1 to 3 days