

# Heroin

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- Heroin is made from the resin of poppy plants (like opium and morphine).
- Most heroin is injected, creating additional risks for the user.
- In the 1990's, the mortality rate of heroin addicts was estimated as high as 20 times greater than the rest of the drug-user population.
- In its purest form heroin is a fine white powder, but more often it is found to be rose gray, brown, or black in color.
- Heroin can be injected, smoked or sniffed.
- Heroin quickly breaks down the immune system, finally leaving one sickly, extremely thin, bony and ultimately dead.
- Cheese heroin is a blend of black tar Mexican heroin and over the counter cold medication such as Tylenol PM.
  - Cheese is cheap and children as young as 9, hooked on heroin, have been rushed to hospital emergency rooms for heroin withdrawal.
  - Since 2004, cheese heroin is responsible for at least 40 deaths in the North Texas region.

<b>SHORT TERM EFFECTS</b>	<b>LONG TERM EFFECTS</b>
"rush"	Bad teeth
Slowed breathing	Constipation
Clouded mental functioning	Itching
Nausea and vomiting	Weakening of the immune system
Sedation; drowsiness	Respiratory illnesses
Hypothermia	Muscular illness, partial paralysis
Coma or death	Loss of memory and intellectual performance
	Insomnia, depression

Street names:

- Big H
- H
- Junk
- Skag
- Horse
- Smack
- Thunder

Law- Usable amount state jail felony.