

Inhalants

“Inhalants” refers to the breathing in of vapors from toxic odors which result in a quick “high”. There are literally 1000’s of different inhalants that can be abused. Some examples are: shoe polish, glue, gasoline, nitrous oxide, helium and spray paint. Most of these products produce effects similar to anesthetics, which slow down the body’s functions as they are rapidly absorbed through the lungs into the bloodstream and quickly reach the brain and other vital organs.

Street names:

- Air blast
- Laughing gas
- High ball
- Bullet
- Moon gas
- Poor man’s pot
- Spray
- Huff
- Toilet water
- Thrust

Short Term Effects	Long Term Effects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slurred speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Muscle weakness
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of coordination and balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disoriented/lack of coordination
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hallucinations/delusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depression
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe head aches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serious and sometimes irreversible heart, liver, kidney, lung and brain damage
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unconsciousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memory impairment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapid heart rate causing heart attacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hearing loss, loss of the sense of smell
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Death from prolonged suffocation by replacing the oxygen needed to live with the chemical inhaled	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asphyxiation (lack of oxygen) Nose bleeds

LAW: Possession and use of an abusable volatile chemical (huffing) Class B Misdemeanor punishable by 6 months in jail and or \$2000.00 fine.