

Prescription Drugs

Recreational use of prescription drugs is a serious problem with teens and young adults. National studies show that a teen is more likely to have abused a prescription drug than an illegal street drug.

Prescription drugs are ONLY safe if they are prescribed to you by a Doctor.

Due to the potential for abuse and addiction, many prescriptions have been categorized by the DEA in the same category as heroin and cocaine.

TYPES of prescription drugs:

- Depressants - Often referred to as central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) depressants. These drugs calm the feeling of anxiety, slow the body functions down
- Opioids and morphine derivatives - Generally referred to as pain killers. These drugs contain opium or opium-like substances and are used to relieve pain such as one might experience after surgery.
- Stimulants - A class of drug intended to increase energy and alertness but which also increase
- Antidepressants- Psychiatric drugs that are supposed to handle depression.

Depressants	Street names
Xanax	Bars, zannies, footballs
Valium	Yellow, blue, foo foo
Librium	Trunks, nerve pills, blue bombs
Ativan	Benzos, downers, roofies
Klonopin	k-pin

Short term Effects	Long term Effects
Slow brain function	Severe depression
Confusion, Dizziness	Chronic fatigue
Slowed pulse and breathing rate	Cannot sleep
Poor concentration	Muscle weakness
Slurred speech	High body temperature
Dilated pupils	Hallucinations
Depression	Convulsions

Opioids and morphine derivatives	Street names
Tylenol with Codeine	Hillbilly heroin
Oxycontin	Perks
Percocet	Pain killer
Demerol	Captain Cody
Dilaudid	Oxy 80
Roanrol	White stuff

Short term effects	Long term Effects
Drowsiness	Restlessness
Slowed breathing	Muscle and bone pain
Constipation	Can't sleep
Unconsciousness	Diarrhea
Nausea	Vomiting
Coma	Cold sweats

Stimulants	Street names
Ritalin	Vitamin R
Concerta	Uppers
Biphphetamine	Turn around
Dexedrine	Kibbles and bits

Short term effect	Long Term effects
Exhaustion	Hostility, paranoia
Depression	Dangerously high body temperatures and irregular heart beat

Antidepressants	Street names
Prozac	Greens
Paxil	Happy pills
Celexa	Whites
Zoloft	Z's, loft
Effexor	
Rameron	

Short term effects	Long term Effects
Violent thoughts and actions	Hallucinations
Tremors	Aggression
Sweating	Irregular heart beat
Criminal behavior	Can't sleep
Paranoia	nervousness

As long as you have been prescribed the drug by a doctor and the prescription is prescribed to you it will be safe as long as you follow the doctor's instructions.

Storage of the prescribed pills need to be in a prescription bottle at all times in order to verify the possession of these drugs is legal for you to possess. The pill bottle contains a large amount of information such as your name, doctors name, drug name and the strength of the drug, when the drug was prescribed/filled, the amount of the drug that needs to be taken, address and or phone number of the pharmacy as well as the prescription number. **Essentially this is your get out jail free card.**

Penalty; possession of a dangerous drug (drugs prescription) is classified as a Class A Misdemeanor punishable up to a year in jail and or a \$4000.00 fine.

Drugs that are not classified as a dangerous drug will be placed into several different categories Possession of a controlled substance:

- Penalty group 2 - usable amount classified as a state jail felony punishable up to 6 months in jail and or a \$10,000 fine
- Penalty group 3 - Usable amount classified as a Class A Misdemeanor punishable up to 1 year in jail and or a \$4000.00 fine
- Penalty group 4 - Usable amount classified as a Class A Misdemeanor punishable up to 1 year in jail and or a \$4000.00 fine