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	Drugs	Trade/Street Names	Medical Uses	Physical Dependence	Psychological Dependence	Tolerance	Usual Methods of Administration	Possible Effects	Effects of Overdose	Withdrawal Syndrome
<b>Stimulants</b>	Cocaine	Coke, crack, snow	Local anesthetic	Possible	Moderate (oral); Very high (injected IV or smoked)	Possible Yes	Sniffed, smoked, injected	Increased alertness, excitation, euphoria, increased pulse rate and blood pressure, insomnia, loss of appetite	Agitation, increased body temperature, hallucinations, convulsions, possible death	Severely depressed mood, prolonged sleep, apathy, irritability, disorientation
	Amphetamines	Biphetamine, Desoxyn, Dexedrine, Obetrol	Weight control, hyperactivity, narcolepsy				Oral, injected			
	Methylphenidate	Ritalin								
	Phenmetrazine	Preludin								
	Other stimulants	Adipex, Bacarate, Cylert, Didrex, Sanorex, Tenuate, Tepanil								
<b>Depressants</b>	Chloral hydrate	Noctec	Hypnotic	Moderate	Moderate	Possible	Oral, injected  Oral	Slurred speech, disorientation, staggering, drunken behavior	Shallow respiration, cold and clammy skin, weak and rapid pulse, coma, possible death	Anxiety, insomnia, tremors, delirium, convulsions, possible death
	Barbiturates	Amytal, Alurate, Butisol, Mebaral, Numbutol, Seconal	Anesthetic, anticonvulsant, sedative, hypnotic	Moderate to High	Moderate to High	Yes				
	Methaqualone	Quaalude	None	High	High					
	Benzodiazepines	Ativan, Dalmane, Halcion, Librium, Valium, Xanax	Anesthetic, anticonvulsant, sedative, hypnotic	Low to Moderate	Moderate to High					
	Alcohol	Many types	None	Moderate	Moderate					
<b>Opiates</b>	Opium	Pantofen, Paregoric, Parepectolin	Analgesic, antidiarrheal	High	Moderate (oral) High (smoked)	Yes	Oral, smoked	Euphoria, drowsiness, slowed respiration, nausea	Slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, constricted pupils, coma, possible death	Watery eyes, runny nose, yawning, loss of appetite, tremors, panic, chills and sweating, cramps, nausea
	Morphine	Morphine					Analgesic			
	Codeine	Many brands	Analgesic, antitussive	Moderate	Moderate		Oral			
	Heroin	Many street names	None in U.S.	High	Very high (IV)		Injected, smoked			
	Methadone	Dolophine	Analgesic, addict maintenance	High	Moderate		Oral, injected			
	Other opiates	Demerol, Dilaudid, Fentanyl, Percodan, Talwin	Analgesic	Varies	Varies					
	<b>Hallucinogens</b>	LSD	Acid, many others	None	None		Low			
Psilocybin		Mushrooms, shrooms								
Mescaline, peyote		Mesc, cactus, others								
Amphetamine variants		DOM, STP, MDA, MDMA, ecstasy, MMDA, TMA	Unknown			Unknown				
Phencyclidine		PCP, angel dust	Veterinary anesthetic	Very low	High	Oral, smoked				
<b>Cannabis</b>	Marijuana	Pot, grass, weed, many others	Under investigation	Very low	Moderate	Yes	Smoked	Euphoria, relaxed inhibitions, increased appetite, impaired memory and attention	Fatigue, paranoia, at very high doses a hallucinogen-like psychotic state	Insomnia hyperactivity (syndrome is rare)
	Tetrahydrocannabinol	THC, Marinol	Nausea				Oral			
	Hashish	Hash	None				Smoked			