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Name of Drug:	ALCOHOL
Also known as:	Beer, wine, spirits, and liquor
Observable Indications of Use:	Slurred speech; unsteady gait; loud voice; impaired motor control or clumsiness; flushed face; and smell of alcohol on breath
Effects of Use:	Feelings of intoxication; sensory alteration; anxiety reduction; and possible increased heart rate
Duration of Effects:	Variable, depends on dosage
Signs of Overdose:	Vomiting; confusion; unconsciousness; shallow breathing; convulsions; and shock
Name of Drug:	MARIJUANA
Also known as:	Bud, reefer, pot, weed, ganja, 420, and dope
Observable Indications of Use:	Smell of marijuana smoke on breath and clothes; bloodshot eyes; talkativeness; inappropriate laughter; dry mouth; and dilated pupils
Effects of Use:	Enhanced sensory perception; relaxed state of well-being; impaired attention and short-term memory; impaired motor coordination; increased appetite; slowed internal clock; increased heart rate; and increased blood pressure
Duration of Effects:	2-3 hours
Signs of Overdose:	Anxiety; extreme drowsiness; slurred speech; and acute panic reaction.
Name of Drug:	ECSTASY
Also known as:	E, X, XTC, love drug, hug drug, designer drug and lover's speed
Observable Indications of Use:	Often seen stroking or massaging one another; dancing continually at "rave" parties; seen sucking on lollipops, Tootsie-pops, or pacifiers to prevent teeth clenching
Effects of Use:	Memory loss; very sensitive to touch; muscle tension; blurred vision; rapid eye movement; faintness; chills; sweating; clenching and grinding their teeth; heat exhaustion; dehydration; dangerously high body temperatures; anxiety; paranoia; depression; nervousness and insomnia; change in eating habits; change in sexual habits; and an increase in blood pressure and heart rate
Duration of Effects:	4-6 hours
Signs of Overdose:	Dehydration; severe rise in body temperatures; heart failure or heat stroke; and permanent memory loss
Name of Drug:	METHAMPHETAMINE
Also known as:	MDMA, meth, crank, crystal meth, and speed
Observable Indications of Use:	Talkativeness; high energy level/restlessness; dry mouth; dilated pupils; and sores on skin from scratching at "crank bugs"
Effects of Use:	Loss of appetite; increased mental alertness; increased physical energy; insomnia; paranoia; distorted perception (auditory and visual); repetitive motor activity; sweating (at higher doses); palpitations (at higher doses); body tremors (at higher doses); increased heart rate; elevated blood pressure; jaw tension; and teeth grinding (with MDMA)
Duration of Effects:	Methamphetamine: 8-12 hours, MDMA: 4-6 hours
Signs of Overdose:	Convulsions; agitation; and heat stroke, extreme elevation in body temperature, and dehydration (with MDMA)
Name of Drug:	TOBACCO
Also known as:	Cigarette, smokeless tobacco, and chew
Observable Indications of Use:	Bad breath; smell of tobacco; shortness of breath; nagging cough; and discolored teeth
Effects of Use:	Increased attention; stress and anxiety reduction; nausea; and dizziness
Duration of Effects:	30 minutes
Signs of Overdose:	Nausea; vomiting; weakness; dizziness; pallor; and headache
Name of Drug:	COCAINE
Also known as:	Coke, blow, snow, C, flake, and nose candy
Observable Indications of Use:	Rapid speech/talkativeness; high energy level; restlessness; dry mouth; dilated pupils; redness around nose; and runny nose
Effects of Use:	Increased mental alertness; increased physical energy; elevated mood/euphoria;

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	loss of appetite; extreme weight loss with prolonged use; insomnia; paranoia; increased body temperature; increased heart rate; and elevated blood pressure.
Duration of Effects:	15 to 30 minutes for powder cocaine snorted, 5 to 10 minutes for crack cocaine.
Signs of Overdose:	Heart palpitations; body tremors; heart attack; stroke; seizures; and respiratory arrest.
Name of Drug:	HALLUCINOGENS
Also known as:	Peyote, LSD, PCP, mushrooms, shrooms, and Special K
Observable Indications of Use:	Bewildered appearance, may appear out of touch with immediate environment; difficulty in speaking; garbled speech; disorientation; loss of coordination; easily agitated (with PCP); and dilated pupils.
Effects of Use:	Poor perception of time, movement, temperature, and distance; synesthesia (blending of senses); hallucinations (at high doses); possible nausea; visual distortions (at low doses); perspiration or chills; body tremors; increased heart rate; elevated blood pressure; and increased pulse.
Duration of Effects:	Depending on the amount of substance, up to 12 hours.
Signs of Overdose:	Trance like stare; fearful or terrified state; psychotic episode; and with PCP only: drooling, eyes flickering up and down, seizures, dizziness, drop in blood pressure and respiration.
Name of Drug:	HEROIN
Also known as:	Opiates, narcotics, methadone, opium, and smack
Observable Indications of Use:	Droopy eyelids; sluggish, drowsy mannerisms; slowed speech; nodding off – periodically slipping into momentary lapses of sleep; constricted, “pinpoint” pupils that are not responsive to light; and possible track marks or infections at injection sites.
Effects of Use:	Euphoria; pain relief; slowed breathing; slowed pulse rate; nausea; lowered blood pressure; and lowered body temperature.
Duration of Effects:	Heroin: 4 to 6 hours, Methadone: up to 24 hours, Prescription analgesics: variable.
Signs of Overdose:	Clammy skin; slow, shallow breathing; seizures; and coma.
Name of Drug:	INHALANTS
Also known as:	Solvents
Observable Indications of Use:	A conspicuous strong, chemical odor; paint stains on face, body, or clothing; finding a stash of chemical products in unusual locations, like a child’s bedroom; purchasing increased amounts of household chemical products; drunk, dazed, dizzy demeanor; staggered gait; slurred speech; excitability followed by drowsiness; red or runny eyes or nose; and rash or sores around mouth.
Effects of Use:	Blurred vision; euphoria with hallucinations; reduced muscle coordination; nausea; intense headache; oxygen deprivation; irregular heartbeat; and increased heart rate.
Duration of Effects:	5 to 60 minutes after sniffing ceases.
Signs of Overdose:	Loss of consciousness; respiratory arrest; cardiac arrest; and coma.
Name of Drug:	ROHYPNOL
Also known as:	Date-rape drug, roofies, rophies
Observable Indications of Use:	Sluggish appearance; uncoordinated; and hangover-like effects.
Effects of Use:	Short-term memory loss; makes users really relaxed; confused; spaced-out; lightheaded; can take away all inhibitions; makes people do things they ordinarily would not do; produces amnesia-like effects; can be slipped into a drink without noticeable detection; and can be used to harm or sexually assault a person.
Duration of Effects:	4 to 8 hours, but hangover-like effects can be present for up to 72 hours.
Signs of Overdose:	Loss of consciousness; passing out; and slip into a coma.