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The following summarizes the results that generally can be expected when the vital signs examinations are administered to persons under the influence of the various categories of drugs.

	CNS Depressants	CNS Stimulants	Halluci- nogens	PCP	Narcotic Analgesics	Inhalants	Cannabis
Pulse	Usually Below Normal	Usually Above Normal	Usually Above Normal	Usually Above Normal	Usually Below Normal	Usually Above Normal	Usually Above Normal
Blood Pressure	Usually Below Normal	Usually Above Normal	Usually Above Normal	Usually Above Normal	Usually Below Normal	Depends on Substance	Usually Above Normal
Tempera- ture	Within the Normal Range	Usually Above Normal	Usually Above Normal	Usually Above Normal	Usually Below Normal	Depends on Substance	Within the Normal Range

**NOTE:**  
 "Normal" systolic blood pressure 120-140  
 "Normal" diastolic blood pressure 70-90  
 "Normal" pulse (adult male) 60-90  
 "Normal" temperature 98.6 plus or minus 1 degree, Fahrenheit

The following summarizes the results that generally can be expected when these eye examinations are administered to persons under the influence of the various categories of drugs.

	CNS Depressants	CNS Stimulants	Halluci- nogens	PCP	Narcotic Analgesics	Inhalants	Cannabis
Horizontal Gaze Ny- stagmus	Usually Present	Not Present	Not Present	Usually Present	Not Present	Usually Present	Not Present
Vertical Nystag- mus	Possibly Present	Not Present	Not Present	Possibly Present	Not Present	Possibly Present	Hot Present
Lack of Conver- gence	Usually Present	Not Present	Not Present	Usually Present	Not Present	Usually Present	Usually Present
Pupil Size	Within the Normal Range	Usually Dilated	Usually Dilated	Within the Normal Range	Usually Constric- ted	Depends on Substance	Within Normal or Dilated
Reaction To Light	Usually Slowed	Usually Slowed	Near Normal	Near Normal	Little or no Visible Reaction	Near Normal	Near Normal