

Commonly Abused Prescription and OTC Medications

Substance:	Examples of <i>Commercial</i> and Street Names	<u>DEA Schedule*/How Administered</u>	<i>Intoxication Effects/Potential Health Consequences</i>
Depressants			<p><i>reduced anxiety; feeling of well-being; lowered inhibitions; slowed pulse and breathing; lowered blood pressure; poor concentration/fatigue; confusion; impaired coordination, memory, judgment; addiction; respiratory depression and arrest, death</i></p> <p><i>Also, for barbiturates—sedation, drowsiness/depression, unusual excitement, fever, irritability, poor judgment, slurred speech, dizziness, life-threatening withdrawal.</i></p> <p><i>for benzodiazepines—sedation, drowsiness/dizziness</i></p> <p><i>for flunitrazepam—visual and gastrointestinal disturbances, urinary retention, memory loss for the time under the drug's effects</i></p>
barbiturates	<i>Amytal, Nembutal, Seconal, Phenobarbital</i> ; barbs, reds, red birds, phennies, tooies, yellows, yellow jackets	II, III, V/injected, swallowed	
benzodiazepines (other than flunitrazepam)	<i>Ativan, Halcion, Librium, Valium, Xanax</i> ; candy, downers, sleeping pills, tranks	IV/swallowed, injected	
flunitrazepam**	<i>Rohypnol</i> ; forget-me pill, Mexican Valium, R2, Roche, roofies, roofinol, rope, rophies	IV/swallowed, snorted	
Opioids and Morphine Derivatives			<p><i>pain relief, euphoria, drowsiness/nausea, constipation, confusion, sedation, respiratory depression and arrest, tolerance, addiction, unconsciousness, coma, death</i></p> <p><i>Also, for codeine—less analgesia, sedation, and respiratory depression than morphine</i></p>
codeine	<i>Empirin with Codeine, Fiorinal with Codeine, Robitussin A-C, Tylenol with Codeine</i> ; Captain Cody, Cody, schoolboy; (with glutethimide) doors & fours, loads, pancakes and syrup	II, III, IV/injected, swallowed	
fentanyl and fentanyl analogs	<i>Actiq (oral), Duragesic (patch), Sublimaze</i> ; Apache, China girl, China white, dance fever, goodfella, jackpot, murder 8, TNT, Tango & Cash	II/injected, smoked, snorted	
morphine	<i>Roxanol, Duramorph</i> ; M, Miss Emma, monkey, white stuff	II, III/injected, swallowed, smoked	
oxycodone HCL	<i>Oxycontin</i> ; Oxy, O.C., killer	II/swallowed, snorted, injected	
hydrocodone bitartrate, acetaminophen	<i>Vicodin</i> ; vike, Watson-387	II/swallowed	
Stimulants			<p><i>Increased heart rate, blood pressure, metabolism; feelings of exhilaration, energy, increased mental alertness/rapid or irregular heart beat; reduced appetite, weight loss, heart failure, nervousness, insomnia</i></p> <p><i>Also, for amphetamine—rapid breathing/ tremor, loss of coordination; irritability, anxiousness, restlessness, delirium, panic, paranoia, impulsive behavior, aggressiveness, tolerance, addiction, psychosis</i></p>
amphetamine	<i>Biphedamine, Dexedrine, Adderall</i> ; bennies, black beauties, crosses, hearts, LA turnaround, speed, truck drivers, uppers	II/injected, swallowed, smoked, snorted	
methylphenidate (safe & effective for treatment of ADHD)	<i>Ritalin</i> ; JIF, MPH, R-ball, Skippy, the smart drug, vitamin R	II/injected, swallowed, snorted	
Over the Counter (OTC) Medication			<p><i>DXM—euphoria, enhanced awareness, impaired judgment/ nausea, loss of coordination, headache, vomiting, loss of consciousness, numbness of fingers and toes, abdominal pain, irregular heartbeat, aches, high blood pressure, seizures, panic attacks, psychosis, brain damage, cold flashes, dizziness, addiction, restlessness, insomnia, diarrhea, coma, death</i></p>
Dextromethorphan (DXM)	<i>Found in any cold medicine with "DM" or "Tuss" in the title or name; Orange Crush, Triple C's, C-C-C, Red Devils, Skittles, Dex, Vitamin D, Robo, Robo-trippin', Robo-dosing</i>	not scheduled/swallowed, snorted	

*Schedule I and II drugs have a high potential for abuse and require greater storage security and have a quota on manufacturing, among other restrictions. Schedule I drugs are available for research only and have no approved medical use; Schedule II drugs are available only by prescription (unrefillable). Schedule III and IV drugs are available by prescription, may have five refills in six months, and may be ordered orally. Most Schedule V drugs are available over the counter.

**Associated with sexual assaults; Not sold in US, but may be brought in