## **Drugs Of Abuse**

(a partial listing)

Drugs, which are commonly abused, may be broken down into three main families for the purpose of discussion. Drugs which do not fit clearly into one category have been classified according to their main physiological action when abused by people.

## **The CNS Depressants**

Definition: drugs that have a calming, tranquilizing, analgesic, hypnotic or intoxicating effect.

- 1. Alcohol = Beer, Wine, Liquors, Cordials, Alcohol base products and medicines.
- 2. Barbiturates = Secondal, Nembutal, Tuinal, Amytal, Phenobarbital, Sodium Pentothal, Butisol and others.
- 3. Benzodiazepines = Librium, Valium, Dalmane, Xanax, Ativan, Tranxene, Restoril, Seraz.
- 4. Methaqualones = QUAALUDE, Soppr, Sommafac, Optimil, Parest, etc.
- 5. Narcotic Analgestics = Demerol, Dilaudid, Percodan, Darvon, Talwin, etc.
- 6. Opiates = Opium, Heroin, Morphine, Codeine, Methadone, etc.
- 7. Anesthetics And Others = Nitrous Oxide, Chloral Hydrate, Numerous Solvents, Inhalants and Gases, etc.

## The CNS Stimulants

Definition: Drugs which temporarily arouse or accelerate physiological activity.

- 1. Amphetamines = Methamphetamine, Biphetamine, Dexedrine, Penzedrine, Methedrine, etc.
- 2. Cocaine = Leaves, Alkaloid Powder, Crystal Forms (freebase and crack), etc
- 3. Caffeine = Coffee, Tea, Cola, Aspirin, Chocolate, etc.
- 4. Look-Alikes = Ephedrine, Phenylpropanolamine (PPA), Caffeine.
- 5. Nicotine and Others = Tobacco, Snuff, Some Inhalants, etc.



## The Hallucinogens

Definition: Drugs which induce delerium, distortion of the senses and perceptions, or hallucinations.

- 1. Cannabinoids = Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Cannabicyclol, Cannabidiol, Cannabichron.
- 2. Phencyclidine = PCP, Angel Dust, Animal Tranq, Peace Pill, Whack.
- 3. Synthetic and Semi-Synthetics = LSD, DOM (stp), MDA, MMDA, etc.
- 4. Organics = Psilocybin, Psilocin, Mescaline, Dimethyltriptamine (DMT), Atropine, Nutmegs and Mace, Morning Glory, etc.

