

UNDERSTANDING STREET TALK

In this leaflet we try to de-mystify the terms used in the use of drugs.

CANNABIS

Street Names:

Blow, Dope, Wacky Backy, Hash, Grass, Ganja, Bush, Marijuana, Weed, Pot, Bush

Other Terms

Bong: A kind of water pipe (often Home— made) for smoking a mixture of tobacco and Cannabis (BONGING, BONGERS, BONGING ON!!) Much higher levels of smoke inhaled than normal cigarette smoking.

Mull: The mix of Cannabis and Tobacco used in a bong—calculated in “fags” e.g. a 3 fag mull.

Joint: A long cigarette made from 3 or 5 cigarette papers stuck together and filled with tobacco and cannabis. Also called a SPLIFF or JOY

Roach: A home-made filter made of rolled cardboard and put in the end of a joint.

Amounts: Shuffle, Teenth (1/16 oz), Q; Quarter (¼oz)

Other: Blowback, Chillum, Pipe, Hookah are all ways of smoking Cannabis. Hash and space cakes are used to eat Cannabis

ALCOHOL

Apart from brand names can also be called Booze, Bevvies, Tins, Jugs, Jars, Nectar

COCAINE & CRACK COCAINE

Street Names:

Coke, Charlie, Snow or White

Crack—Freebase, Rock, Stone, Wash or Base.

It can be bought as a white powder and is usually sniffed but can be injected. Crack is usually smoked but can also be injected.

LSD

Acid, Blotters, Micros, Dots, Trips, Tabs, or names based on the designs on the paper e.g. Stars, Barts, Strawbs etc...

AMPHETAMINES

Street Name: Speed, Billy Whiz, Sulphate, Uppers, Dexies, Phet.

Wrap: A piece of folded paper with about 1 gramme of Amphet powder in it.

HEROIN (OPIATES/OPI)IDS)

Street Names:

Smack, "H", Scag, Palf, Dykes, D.F's, Tems, Peth, Gee's, Linctus, Meth, Phy, Brown, Junk, Gear.

Usage: Comes from the opium poppy and is usually bought as a white, greyish or brown powder. Can be smoked by placing on foil and heating from below ("Chasing The Dragon"). Can also be injected.

ECSTACY

"E"s, Doves, Apples or named after design that is shown on the tablet.

MAGIC MUSHROOMS

Majess, Shrooms, Mushies.

ALKYL NITRATES

Poppers, Rush, Amyl, Liquid Gold, Locker Room, TNT

TRANQUILLISERS

Benzo's (Benzodiazepines), which include Temazepam, Diazepam and Nitrazepam

TEMAZEPAM

Green Eggs, Eggs, Ruggers

DIAZEPAM

Vals, Blues, Vera's

SOLVENTS

There are no specific street names but substances misused include Butane Gas, Glues, Petrol, Dry Cleaning Fluids, Nail Varnish Remover, Correction Fluids and other volatile products.

COLD TURKEY

Term used to describe physical withdrawal symptoms experienced when suddenly coming off a drug, most commonly used in connection with Heroin

COMEDOWN

How a person feels as the effects of a drug wear off

CUT

Term used when dealers mix or "water down" drugs with other substances, for example sugars like glucose or lactose.

COCKTAILS

The practice of mixing or taking several different drugs at the same time and often swilled down with alcohol.

DANCE DRUGS

Stimulant and Hallucinogenic drugs, such as Ecstasy, that are commonly taken at clubs and raves.

DETOXIFICATION

The process of coming off a drug and getting it out of the body.

FLASHBACKS

Reliving the effects of hallucinogenic drugs days, weeks or even months after taking the drug.

HIT

The first dizzying sensation when a drug reaches the brain, common with the first cigarette or first alcoholic drink or from injecting drugs.

RUSH

The first feeling of nervousness and anxiety from taking a stimulant.

SLEDGING/GAUGING

A life-threatening condition brought on by certain drugs or cocktails of drugs whereby the user is unable to move or talk, and may fall into a coma and die.

SNORT

When a drug is lined up and then sniffed up through a nostril via a tube or rolled banknote.

MUNCHIES

The hunger pangs that are experienced after smoking cannabis.

TRIP

The experience undergone under the influence of an hallucinogenic drug such as acid—sensations are intensified and perceptions altered. A trip can be “good” or “bad”, dependent on the users mood, anxiety, stress company etc.

WORKS

Term used to describe the equipment needed to inject drugs.

OVER-THE-COUNTER

A drug that can be bought in a chemist without a prescription.

WITHDRAWAL

The unpleasant symptoms a person experiences when they stop using a drug they're dependent on.

SPEEDBALL

The practice of mixing heroin with cocaine, with potentially very dangerous side effects.

STREET NAME

Colloquial name for a drug

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