

007s -- Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)
100s -- Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)

151 -- Crack Cocaine

2-for-1 sale -- A drug designed to promote crack cocaine use

24-7 -- Crack Cocaine

25 -- Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)

3750 -- Marijuana and LSD

40 -- OxyContin pill

40-bar -- OxyContin bar

420 -- Marijuana

45 Minot's syndrome -- Dimethyltryptamine

695 -- Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)

714s -- Methaqualone

80 -- OxyContin pill

A -- LSD; amphetamine

A-bomb -- Marijuana cigarette

A-boot -- Under the influence

Abdominutins -- Abdominal pains

Abe -- \$5 worth of drugs

Abe's cab -- \$5 bill

Ah-pen-yen -- Opium

Aimes -- Amyl nitrite

Aimies -- Amphetamine; amyl nitrite

AIP -- Heroin from Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan

Air blast -- Inhalants

Airhead -- Marijuana user

Airplane -- Marijuana

Al Capone -- Heroin

Alice B. Toklas -- Marijuana brownie

All lit up -- Under the influence of drugs

All star -- User of multiple drugs

Beam me up Scottie -- Crack dipped in PCP

Beam me up Scotty -- PCP and crack

Beamer -- Crack smoker

Beamers -- Crack cocaine

Bean -- A capsule containing drugs: MDMA (methylenedioxymethamphetamine)

Beast -- Heroin; LSD

Beat -- Crack Cocaine

Beat artist -- Person selling bogus drugs

Beat it -- Person selling drugs

Beautiful boulders -- Crack Cocaine

Beavis & Butt-head -- Marijuana

Buffer -- A woman who performs oral sex

in exchange for money or favors

Bugged -- Irritated to be covered with sores and abscesses from repeated use

Bull -- Not a good idea

Cafeteria-style use -- Using a combination of different club drugs

Caine -- Cocaine

Cakes -- Round discs of crack

Cjoint -- Cocaine joint

C-dust -- Cocaine

C-game -- Cocaine

Cap -- Crack Cocaine; LSD; a capsule of a drug

Cap up -- Transient high

Capital H -- Heroin

Chalked up -- Under the influence of cocaine

Chalking -- Chemically alter the taste of cocaine so it looks like sugar

Champagne -- Combination of cocaine and marijuana

Chandoo/chandu -- Opium

Channel -- Vein into which drugs are injected

Chasing the dragon -- Cocaine

Chasing the tiger -- Marijuana

Chicken Feed -- Marijuana

Chicken powder -- Amphetamine

Chicken scratch -- Searching on hands and knees for crack or cocaine

Chips -- Cocaine

Chips and dip -- Cocaine and beer

Chips and salsa -- Cocaine and beer

Chips and wings -- Cocaine and beer



Drugs Are Everywhere

Youth drug use cuts across all ethnic, geographic and socioeconomic lines. Youth experience pressure to use alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs at increasingly early ages. In fact, in one survey, adolescents ages 12 to 17 named drugs along with social and academic pressures as the most important problem they face. *The 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) states that:*

Among youths, ages 12 to 17, more than 1 in 9 (11.6 percent) reported current use of illegal drugs in the 30 days before the study. Marijuana is the major illegal drug used by this group; 8.2 percent of youths were current past users of marijuana in 2002.

Youths, ages 12 and 13, 4.2 percent reported current illegal drug use. The primary drugs used by 12- and 13-year-olds were marijuana, nonmedical use of prescription pain relievers and inhalants.

Statistics show that, fortunately, the majority of youth do not use drugs. However, some parents still underestimate how often their kids are exposed to drugs.

According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America (an organization that conducts attitude surveys of youth and parents):

Eighteen percent of parents think their child has tried marijuana **versus** 40 percent of teens who say they have tried marijuana.

Thirty-one percent of parents believe their teen has been offered drugs **versus** 52 percent of teens who say they have been offered drugs.

Four percent of parents think their child has abused inhalants **versus** 19 percent of teens who say they have abused inhalants.

"Every child in America is at risk of using drugs, regardless of race, ethnicity or economic status."

— National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse

If your child uses drugs, what other risks might he face?

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):

Youth ages 12 to 17, who smoke cigarettes are over 8 times more likely to use illegal drugs and over 17 times more likely to drink heavily than nonsmoking youth.

Youth, ages 12 to 17, who use marijuana weekly are nine times more likely than nonusers to experiment with illegal drugs or alcohol, six times more likely to run away from home, five times more likely to steal, nearly four times more likely to engage in violence and three times more likely to have thoughts about committing suicide.

The Differences Between Boys and Girls

There's no denying that boys and girls are different. Differences between the sexes become more obvious with the onset of puberty, as do boys' and girls' needs when it comes to resisting alcohol, tobacco and illegal drug use. Boys and girls experience adolescence differently because of various social, cultural, physiological and psychological challenges. For example, among boys, puberty tends to increase aggressive behavior, while among girls, puberty tends to bring a higher incidence of depression.

Studies show that girls may lose self-confidence and self-worth during this pivotal time, become less physically active, perform less well in school and neglect their own interests and aspirations. During these years, girls are more vulnerable

to negative outside influences and to mixed messages about risky behaviors. Girls are also at higher risk than boys for sexual abuse, which has been associated with substance abuse.

Puberty generally occurs a year or two later in boys than it does in girls. The physical changes boys go through can cause a lack of coordination that may lead to injury. Boys tend to experience mood swings and can have feelings of anxiety during puberty. During these years, boys crave exploration of things associated with being grown up, including sexual behavior or experimentation with alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs.

But boys and girls also have a lot in common. They need the same kinds of guidance, information and nurture from their parents to help them grow into healthy, well-informed adolescents and adults.

Both boys and girls are less likely to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs if they have:

A positive attitude, an ability to adapt to changing circumstances and a belief in their ability to "handle things."

A warm, close-knit family and parental supervision with consistent discipline.

Close friends, an extended family that provides support, community resources and family and community attitudes that do not tolerate substance abuse.

Signs at School
sudden drop in grades
truancy
loss of interest in learning
sleeping in class
poor work performance
not doing homework
defiant of authority
reduced memory and attention span
poor attitude towards sports or other extracurricular activities
not informing you of teacher meetings, open houses, etc.

Physical and Emotional Signs

changes friends
smell of alcohol or marijuana on breath or body
unexplainable mood swings and behavior overreacts to criticism; acts rebellious
sharing few, if any, of their personal problems
doesn't seem as happy as they used to be
overly tired or hyperactive
drastic weight loss or gain
unhappy and depressed
cheats, steals
sloppiness in appearance
negative, argumentative, paranoid
confused, destructive, anxious
always needs money
people who attend raves
has excessive amounts of money
cap up — tra

Know what you're looking for

Warning Signs of Teenage Drug Abuse

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Drug Abuse Signs

Please note that even though some of these warning signs of drug abuse may be present in your teen, it does not mean that they are definitely abusing drugs. There are other causes for some of these behaviors. Even the lifestage of adolescence is a valid reason for many of them to exist.

On the flip side of that, do not ignore the warning signs of teenage drug abuse. If six of these signs, (not all in the same category), are present for a period of time, you should talk to your teen and seek some professional help.

Signs in the Home

loss of interest in family activities
disrespect for family rules
withdrawal from responsibilities
verbally or physically abusive
sudden increase or decrease in appetite
disappearance of valuable items or money
not coming home on time
not telling you where they are going
constant excuses for behavior
spending a lot of time in their rooms
lies about activities
finding the following: cigarette rolling papers, pipes, roach clips, small glass vials, plastic baggies, remnants of drugs (seeds, etc.)

