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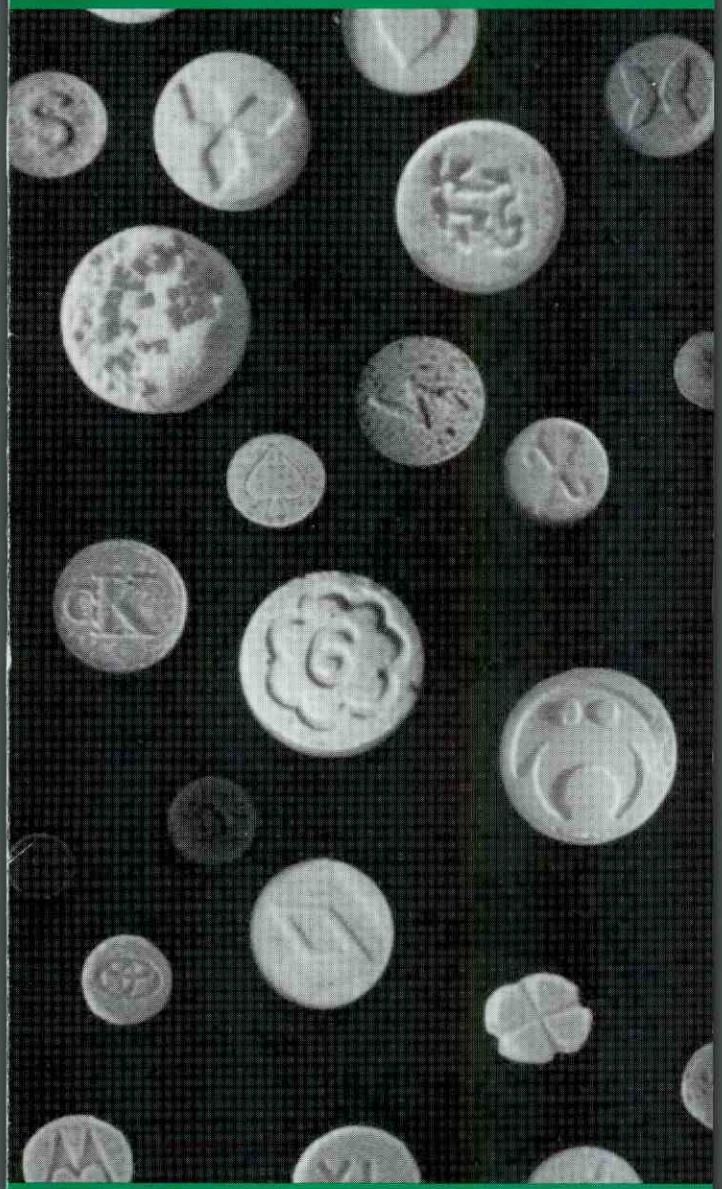

Drug Awarenesss
"Club Drugs"

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What Are Club Drugs?

Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)

Street names: Ecstasy, E, X, XTC, Adam, Clarity, Eve, Beans.

A synthetic drug, that is a central nervous system stimulant, taken orally, usually in a tablet or capsule form.

Effects:

- Lasts 3-6 hours.
- Enables dancers to dance for long periods of time.
- Increases the chances of dehydration, hypertension, heart or kidney failure, and increased body temperature, which can lead to death.
- Long-term effects include confusion, depression, sleep problems, anxiety, paranoia, and loss of memory.

Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB)

Street names: Grievous Bodily Harm, G, Liquid Ecstasy, Georgia Home Boy, Easy Lay, Liquid X, Salty Water.

A central nervous system depressant that is usually ingested in liquid, powder, tablet, and capsule form.

Effects:

- May last up to four hours, depending on the dose used.
- Slows breathing and heart rates to dangerous levels.
- Also has sedative and euphoric effects that begin up to 10-20 minutes from ingestion.
- Use in connection with alcohol increases its potential for harm.
- Overdose can occur quickly—sometimes death occurs.

Methamphetamine

Street names: Speed, Ice, Chalk, Meth, Crystal, Crank, Fire, Glass.

A central nervous system stimulant, often found in pill, capsule, or powder form, which can be snorted, injected, or smoked.

Effects:

- Displays signs of agitation, excited speech, lack of appetite, and increased physical activity.

- Often results in drastic weight loss, violence, psychotic behavior, paranoia, and sometimes damage to the heart, liver, kidneys, or nervous system.

Ketamine

Street names: Special K, Vitamin K, Cat Valium, K.

An injectable anesthetic used primarily by veterinarians, found in either liquid form or as a white powder that can be snorted or smoked.

Effects:

- Causes reactions similar to those of PCP, a hallucinatory drug.
- Results in impaired attention, learning, and memory function. In larger doses, it may cause delirium, amnesia, impaired motor function, high blood pressure, and depression.

Rohypnol

Street names: Roofies, Rophies, Roche, Forget-me-pill.

Tasteless and odorless sedative, easily soluble in carbonated beverages, with toxic effects that are aggravated by concurrent use of alcohol.

Effects:

- Can cause anterograde amnesia, which contributes to Rohypnol's popularity as a "date rape" drug.
- Can cause decreased blood pressure, drowsiness, visual disturbances, dizziness, and confusion.

Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)

Street names: Acid, Boomers, Doses, Hits, Blotter.

A hallucinogen that causes distortions in sensory perception, usually taken orally either in tablet form. Often sold on blotter paper saturated with the drug.

Effects:

- Are often unpredictable and may vary depending on dose, environment, and the user.
- Long-term effects may include persistent psychosis and hallucinogenic persisting perception disorder, commonly known as "flashbacks."
- Causes dilated pupils, higher body temperature, increased heart rate and blood pressure, sweating, dry mouth, and tremors.

What are Raves?

- "Raves" are high energy, all-night dances, that feature hard pounding techno-music and flashing laser lights. Raves are found in most metropolitan areas and, increasingly, in rural areas throughout the country. The parties are held in permanent dance clubs, abandoned warehouses, open fields, or empty buildings.

- Raves are frequently advertised as "alcohol free" parties with hired security personnel. Internet sites often advertise these events as "safe" and "drug free." However, they are dangerously overcrowded parties where children can be exposed to rampant drug use and a high-crime environment. Numerous overdoses are documented at these events.

- Raves are one of the most popular venues where club drugs are distributed. Club drugs include MDMA (more commonly known as "Ecstasy"), GHB and Rohypnol (also known as the "date rape" drugs), Ketamine, Methamphetamine (also known as Meth), LSD, and PCP.

- Because some club drugs are colorless, odorless, and tasteless, they can be added without detection to beverages by individuals who want to intoxicate or sedate others in order to commit sexual assaults.

- Rave promoters capitalize on the effects of club drugs. Bottled water and sports drinks are sold at Raves, often at inflated prices, to manage hyperthermia and dehydration. Also found are pacifiers to prevent involuntary teeth clenching, menthol nasal inhalers, surgical masks, chemical lights, and neon glow sticks to increase sensory perception and enhance the Rave experience.

- Cool down rooms are provided, usually at a cost, as a place to cool off due to increased body temperature of the drug user.

- Can cause numbness, weakness, and nausea.

Phencyclidine (PCP)

Street names: Angel Dust, Embalming Fluid, Hog.

A hallucinogen, found in either liquid form that cigarettes are dipped into, and smoked or a white powder sprinkled on marijuana then smoked.

Effects:

- Blank stare, detached & distant, slurred speech, loss of coordination, sense of invulnerability and strength
- Increases the chances of persistent psychosis, schizophrenia, and death
- Causes acute anxiety, impending doom, paranoia, auditory hallucinations, distortion

Know the Signs

Effects of stimulant club drugs, such as MDMA and Methamphetamine:

- Increased heart rate
- Convulsions
- Extreme rise in body temperature
- Uncontrollable movements
- Insomnia
- Impaired speech
- Dehydration
- High blood pressure
- Grinding teeth

Effects of sedative/hallucinogenic drugs such as GHB, LSD, Rohypnol, Ketamine, and PCP:

- Slow breathing
- Decreased heart rate
- Respiratory problems
- Intoxication
- Drowsiness
- Confusion
- Tremors and nausea