



may also charge you with dealing in drugs depending on the quantity you are found in possession of. You will then be kept in a police cell and brought before court.

- Being convicted of any offence will result in a criminal record for life resulting in no or minimal job opportunities in either the public or private sector.

## NICKNAMES (STREET NAMES OF DRUGS)

Nicknames (street names) of drugs come and go. A name might be popular today and can change tomorrow. Names may also vary across subcultures and different provinces or areas. This are some of the few street names for different drugs in order to confuse unsuspecting members of the community:

- » **ALCOHOL** has the following street names: Umqomboti, Hot Stuff, Sauce, Hooch, Moonshine, Vino, Draft, Sudsliquid Bread, Oats Soda, Tummy Buster, Liquid Courage, 12 Oz, Spinza, Curl.
- » **CANABIS** has the following street names: Dagga, Marijuana, Weed, Dope, Pot, Grass, Zol, Skyf, Hash, Joint, Boom, Ganja.
- » **HEROIN** has the following street names: H, Mexican mud, brown sugar.
- » **NYAOPE** has the following street names: Whoonga, Wunga, Ntashé, Mgwinya.
- » **MANDRAX** has the following street names: White Pipe, Whites, Buttons, MX, Gholfsticks, Doodies, Lizards, Press Outs, Flowers.
- » **METHCATHINONE (CAT)** has the following street names: Chat, Drone, M-Kat, Ghetto Coke, Poorman's Coke, Star, Speed, Jeff, Mulka, KAT, Oat, Bushman's Tea, Miraa, Tohai, Tschat, Gat, Somali Tea, African Salad, Qat, Abyssinia Tea, Tohai and Kat.
- » **CRACK COCAINE** has the following street names: Rocks, Klippe, Crack, Coke, Charlie, C, Snow, Freebase, Blow, Line, Bump, Yayo, Llelo.

- » **CODEINE** has the following street names: Krokodil, Syrup, Purple Drank, Cody, Cough Mixture, Medicine.
- » **METHAMPHETAMINE (MA)** has the following street names: Tik, Crystal Meth, Crank, Speed, Chalk, Fast, Up, Shards, Glass, Supper, Crystals, Batu, LA Crystal, Meth, Rock, Ice, Hot Ice, Hawaiian Salt, Go, Whiz, Hot Ice, Crank, Tiki-Tik.
- » **ECSTASY (3-4 METHYLENE-METHAMPHETAMINE (MDMA))** has the following street names: E, Superman, Domes, XTC, Mellow, Adam and Eve, STP, Molly, Love drug.
- » **LYSERGIC ACID DIETHYLAMIDE (LSD)** has the following street names: A, Acid, Microdots, Candy, Trips, Blotter Acid, White Lightning.
- » **WHITE PIPE (Methaqualone)** is a cannabis-mandrax combination.



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**DRUGS AND  
SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE**



## WHAT IS A DRUG?

A drug is any substance (with exception of food and water) which, when taken into the body, alters the body's function either physically and/or psychologically. Drugs may be legal (e.g. liquor, glue, caffeine and tobacco) or illegal (e.g. ecstasy, cocaine, heroin and dagga). Once drugs are inside your brain, they can change the messages your brain cells are sending to each other and to the rest of your body. Drug users may have a feeling that they are losing control as well as feelings of anxiety and paranoia. It can lead to panic attacks and extreme risky behaviours like jumping off high places, running across busy roads, injury and violence.

## WHAT IS AN ADDICT?

Addict is a slang word used to describe a person struggling with substance abuse or a male or female person whose life is controlled by drugs.

## WHAT IS ADDICTION?

It is a condition, a brain disorder or a physiological need that results when a person ingest a habit-forming substance (e.g. heroin and cocaine) or engage in an activity (e.g. gambling, sex and shopping) that can be pleasurable but the continuation of which becomes compulsive and interferes with ordinary responsibilities and concerns such as leading a normal and productive life.

## WHAT IS DRUG ABUSE AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE USER?

Refers to the habitual taking of illegal or legal drugs/substances. Drug abuse is a compulsive, excessive and self-damaging use of habit forming drugs or substances leading to addiction, dependence or serious physiological injury.

## OTHER PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF DRUG ADDICTION INCLUDES:

- Contracting TB/HIV, hepatitis, and other illnesses (e.g by exchanging contaminated needles and syringes).
- Heart rate irregularities and heart attack.
- Respiratory problems such as lung cancer, emphysema and breathing problems
- Abdominal pains, vomiting, constipation and diarrhoea.
- Damage to the kidneys, liver and heart.
- Psychological harm such as dysfunctional behaviour patterns, hallucinations seizures, stroke, memory loss (brain damage) or death.

## CRIMES INVOLVING DRUGS: DRUG POSSESSION AND DRUG DEALING

- **Possession of drugs**  
Drug possession is the crime which includes keeping, storing, or to have it in custody or under control of supervision; (e.g. for personal use).
- **Drug Dealing**  
Includes performing any act in connection with trans-shipment, importation, cultivation, collection, manufacture, supply, prescription, administration, sale, transmission or exportation of the drugs.

## WHO IS A DRUG DEALER?

Refers to a person who sells illegal drugs.

## CRIMES INVOLVING DRUGS

Drug dealing or drug trafficking involve the selling, distribution, buying or dealing in illegal drugs and is more serious offence than possession. This offence also carries a heavier sentence than possession offence.

## WHY DO PEOPLE TAKE DRUGS?

People take drugs because they want to change something about their lives.

### They want to -

- » fit in
- » escape or relax
- » relieve boredom
- » seem grown up
- » rebel
- » experiment.

## WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRUGS?

### Using drugs will:

- Have a negative impact on your physical and mental health.
- Lead to social problems and rejection.
- Have a negative effect on your relationships with family, colleagues, friends and community at large.
- Seriously impair your ability to study or drive.

## WHAT HAPPENS DURING AND AFTER ARREST

- It is a criminal offence to use, possess and deal in illegal drugs.
- If you are arrested for possession of drugs the police