



A PARENT'S GUIDE: DRUG SLANG

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WHY DOES IT MATTER?

It is important for prevention providers, care givers and educators to be informed about the different slang words used in reference to specific drugs and drug use. Creative names and abbreviations are used to disguise conversations as being innocent and to not raise red flags for adults. There are a vast amount of names used in reference to drugs; the list below is meant to be used as a brief and easy to use guide for parents to be able to pinpoint words they hear and be able to understand what it is in reference to. Drug slang is referenced to often in pop culture especially within music.

It is just as important for youth to also understand and recognize the vast amount of names used to reference drugs. Many students are unaware on the connection between street names and the actual drug they are referencing. For example: A student is offered "Molly" and doesn't know that it is in reference to MDMA.

Common Drug Slang:

Marijuana: Weed, hash, grass, Mary Jane, reefer, cannabis, hemp, herb, skunk, Pot, Boom, chronic

Synthetic Marijuana: K-2, Spice, Fake Weed, Gold Spice

Marijuana Concentrates: Hash Oil, 710, Dabs, Dabbing, Amber, Honey

Heroin: Big H, Brown Sugar, Antifreeze, Cheese (When mixed with Cough Medicine) Horse, Junk, Mug, Tar, Train, Skag

Bath Salts: Arctic Blast, Blue Magic, Cloud 9, Cloud 10, Ivory Fresh, Lady Bubbles, Meow Meow, Snow Leopard, White China, China Girl, Vanilla Sky, Wicked X

Cough & Cold Medicine: C-C-C, Dex, DM, DMX, Skittles, Triple C, Tussin, Vitamin D, Purple Dank, barre, Bo, Lean, Purple, Jelly, Sip-Sip, Sizzup, Texas Tea

Inhalants: Duster, Snappers, Ozone, Poppers, Whit-its/Whippets, nitrous

Methamphetamines: Meth, Chalk, Crank, Crystal, Crystal Meth, Glass, Ice, Speed

Mushrooms: Shrooms, Caps, Boomers, Magic Mushrooms, Purple Passion

Warning Signs

- *Sudden mood swings and drastic change in behavior*
- *Rapid weight loss*
- *Dropping old friends and favorite activities*
- *Change in grade and overall school performance*
- *Sudden secretive behavior*
- *Sudden heavy use of mouthwash, body spray, or eye drops.*

Start the Conversation

- Have you ever been offered drugs? How do you respond?
- Have you ever had the urge to try any?
- Do you feel pressured about drugs?
- Do you have any questions for me about drugs?
- Make your expectations clear.

Cocaine: Blow, C, candy, coke, do a line, freeze, girl, happy dust, Mama coca, mojo, monster, nose, pimp, shot, smoking gun, snow, sugar, sweet stuff, and white powder.

Crack (a form of cocaine, smokeable): Base, beat, blast, casper, chalk, devil drug, gravel, hardball, hell, kryptonite, love, moonrocks, rock, scrabble, stones and tornado.

Depressants: Backwards, blue heavens, downie, drowsy high, green dragons, idiot pills, joy juice, M&M, no worries, peanut, rainbows, red bullets, stoppers, stumbler, tooles and yellow.

Fentanyl: Apache, China girl, China town, dance fever, friend, goodfellas, great bear, he-man, jackpot, king ivory, murder 8, poison, tango and cash and TNT.

GHB (Gamma-hydroxybutyric acid): Caps, cherry meth, ever clear, easy lay, fantasy, G, G-riffic, gamma hydrate, Georgia home boy, grievous bodily harm, liquid ecstasy, liquid X, soap and sodium oxybate.

Ketamine: Bump, cat killer, cat valium, fort dodge, green, honey oil, jet, K, ket, kit kat, psychedelic heroin, purple, special "K", special la coke, super acid, super C and vitamin K.

LSD (Lysergic acid diethylamide): A, Acid, black star, blotter, boomers, cubes, Elvis, golden dragon, L, microdot, paper acid, pink robots, superman, twenty-five, yellow sunshine and ying yang.

MDMA (Methylenedioxy-methamphetamine): Adam, bean, blue kisses, clarity, club drug, disco biscuits, E, ecstasy, hug drug, love drug, lover's speed, Mercedes, Molly, New Yorkers, peace, roll, white dove, X and XTC.

Methcathinone: Bathtub speed, Cadillac express, cat, crank, ephedrone, gaggers, go-fast, goob, qat, slick superspeed, star, the C, tweaker, wild cat and wonder star.

Opium: Ah-pen-yen, aunti, big O, black stuff, Chinese tobacco, chocolate, dopium, dover's deck, dream gun, hard stuff, hocus, joy plant, O, ope, pin yen, toxy and zero.

PCP (Phencyclidine): Angel dust, belladonna, black whack, CJ, cliffhanger, crystal joint, Detroit pink, elephant tranquilizer, hog, magic, Peter Pan, sheets, soma, TAC, trunk, white horizon and zoom.

Psilocybin/psilocin: Boomers, god's flesh, little smoke, magic mushroom, Mexican mushrooms, mushrooms, musk, sherm, shrooms, silly putty and simple simon.

Ritalin: Crackers, one and ones, pharming, poor man's heroin, R-ball, ritz an ts, set, skippy, speedball, ts and ritz, ts and rs, vitamin R and west coast.

Rohypnol: Circles, forget-me pill, la rocha, lunch money drug, Mexican valium, pingus, R2, Reynolds, roche, roofies, rope, ruffles and wolfies.

Steroids: Abolic, anadrol, arnolds, bolasterone, dihydrolone, equipose, gym candy, juice, methyl testosterone, proviron, pumpers, stackers, therobolin, weight trainers and winstrol V.



WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- Talk to your teens about *substance misuse and abuse*
- Monitor their behavior, activities as well as your medicine cabinet.
- Share what have learned with other parents

For more information about Substance Abuse Prevention in Rhode Island:

RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

www.bhddh.ri.gov

RI Prevention Resource Center

www.RIPRC.org