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**Risks Associated With Substance Abuse**


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The State of New York closely monitors the consumption of alcohol and other drugs on New York State campuses and has found that substance abusers put themselves and others at risk. Substance abuse leads to an increase in highway accidents, in acts of physical violence, in sexual assault, and in vandalism.

The specific dangers of substance abuse in an urban environment cannot be overstated. Inebriated persons are more likely to be crime victims, and at least three recent local murders have been linked to excessive drinking in bars.

The many health risks involved with substance abuse are summarized on the following pages.

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Physical Dependence</b>	<b>Psychological Dependence</b>	<b>Possible Effects</b>	<b>Effects of Overdose</b>	<b>Withdrawal Syndrome</b>
<b>Narcotics</b>					
Heroin	High	High	<i>Euphoria,</i>	<i>Slow &amp; Shallow</i>	<i>Yawning,</i>
Morphine	High	High	<i>Drowsiness,</i>	<i>Breathing,</i>	<i>Loss of Appetite,</i>
Codeine	Moderate	Moderate	<i>Respiratory-</i>	<i>Clammy Skin,</i>	<i>Irritability</i>
Hydroporphone	High	High	<i>Depression,</i>	<i>Convulsions</i>	<i>Tremors, Panic,</i>
Oxycodone	High	High	<i>Constricted-</i>	<i>Coma,</i>	<i>Cramps, Nausea,</i>
Methodone/LAAM	High	High	<i>Pupils,</i>	<i>Possible Death</i>	<i>Runny Nose,</i>
Fentanyl/Analog	High	High	<i>Nausea</i>		<i>Chills &amp; Sweating</i>
Other Narcotics	High-Low	High-Low			<i>Watery Eyes</i>
<b>Depressants</b>					
Chloral Hydrate	Moderate	High	<i>Slurred Speech,</i>	<i>Shallow</i>	<i>Anxiety,</i>
Barbituates	High-Moderate	High	<i>Disorientation,</i>	<i>Respiration, Coma</i>	<i>Insomnia,</i>
Benzodizepines	Low	High	<i>Drunken Behavior</i>	<i>Clammy Skin,</i>	<i>Tremors,</i>
Glutethimide	High	High	<i>without odor of</i>	<i>Dilated Pupils,</i>	<i>Delirium,</i>
Other Depressants	Moderate	High	<i>Alcohol</i>	<i>Weak/Rapid Pulse</i>	<i>Convulsions,</i>
				<i>Possible Death</i>	<i>Possible Death</i>

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<b>Stimulants</b>					
Cocaine	Possible	High	<i>Increased Alertness</i>	<i>Agitation,</i>	<i>Apathy, Long</i>
(Meta)Amphetamine	Possible	High	<i>Euphoria,</i>	<i>Increased Body</i>	<i>Periods of Sleep,</i>
Methylphenidate	Possible	High	<i>Increased Pulse &amp;</i>	<i>Temperature,</i>	<i>Irritability,</i>
Other Stimulants	Possible	High	<i>Blood Pressure,</i>	<i>Hallucinations,</i>	<i>Depression,</i>
			<i>Excitation, Insomnia</i>	<i>Convulsions,</i>	<i>Disorientation</i>
			<i>Loss of Appetite</i>	<i>Possible Death</i>	
<b>Cannabis</b>					
Marijuana	Unknown	Moderate	<i>Euphoria, Relaxed</i>	<i>Fatigue,</i>	<i>possible insomnia</i>
Tetrahydrocannabinol	Unknown	Moderate	<i>Inhibitions, Increased</i>	<i>Paranoia,</i>	<i>hyperactivity,</i>
Hashish (Oil)	Unknown	Moderate	<i>Appetite,</i>	<i>Possible,</i>	<i>decreased appetite</i>
			<i>Disorientation</i>	<i>Psychosis,</i>	
<b>Hallucinogens</b>					
LSD	None	Unknown	<i>Illusions,</i>	<i>Longer, More</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
Mescaline/Peyote	None	Unknown	<i>Hallucinations,</i>	<i>Intense "Trip"</i>	
Amphetamine Var.	Unknown	Unknown	<i>Altered Perception of</i>	<i>Episodes,</i>	
Phencyclidine/Analg.	Unknown	High	<i>Time and Distance</i>	<i>Psychosis,</i>	
Other Hallucinogens	None	Unknown		<i>Possible Death</i>	
<b>Anabolic Steroids</b>					
Testosterone (Cypionate, Enanthate)	Unknown	Unknown	<i>Virilization,</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Possible</i>
			<i>Acne,</i>		<i>Depression</i>
			<i>Testicular Atrophy,</i>		
Nandrolone (Decanoate, Phenpropionate)	Unknown	Unknown	<i>Gynecomastia,</i>		
			<i>Aggressive Behavior</i>		
Oxymetholone	Unknown	Unknown	<i>Edema</i>		