

Drug Classification

(See: Drugs in American Society, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th editions, Erich Goode, McGraw-Hill, 1999/2005/2008/2012. Chapter 1)

How many types of drugs are there? See the DEA's Drugs of Abuse, 2011

CNS (central nervous system):

- Stimulant

- Depressant

- No effect

- Complex effect

1. Stimulants: Amphetamines, Caffeine, Nicotine Cocaine

Excite, arousal, increase alertness, elevate mood. Speed up signals to the brain. (Some newer drugs (Prozac) work mainly as mood elevators and do not (supposedly) produce the other effects).

2. Depressants

- Analgesics: relieve pain (block signals?)

 - Narcotics: Opiates and Opioids

 - Non-narcotics: Aspirin, etc.

- Sedative Hypnotics: relax, induce sleep

 - Alcohol (ETOH)

 - Anti-anxiety agents, tranquilizers

 - Non-Barbiturates: Qualude, Halcion

 - Long acting Barbiturates: Phenobarbital

 - Short acting Barbiturates: Seconal

3. Anti-Psychotics: Thorazine

4. Anti-Depressants: Prozac, Lithium

5. Hallucinogens

6. Marijuana

7. Inhalants

Legal Classification:

Controlled Substances Act 1990, (original 1970), (<http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Legislation/ucm148726.htm>) (DEA listing, See the DEA's Drugs of Abuse, 2011)

U.C.A. §58-37-4, Schedules of Controlled Substances

(The following is only a partial listing. Decisions as to scheduling may also include amount of a particular substance in a preparation, etc.)

Schedule 1: High Abuse, No Recognized Medical Use, Lack of Safety

- Heroin
- LSD
- MDMA
- Marijuana
- Methaqualone

Schedule 2: High Abuse, Medical Utility, High Dependency Risk

- Opium
- Morphine
- Coca
- Cocaine
- Methadone
- Methamphetamine

Schedule 3: Lower Abuse, Medical Utility, Moderate Dependency Risk

- Amphetamine
- Barbiturate
- Valium
- Xanax
- Anabolic Steroids
- Codeine

Schedule 4: Limited Abuse, High Medical Utility, Limited Dependency Risk

- Chloral Hydrate
- Meprobamate
- Paraldehyde
- Phenobarbital

Schedule 5: Minor Problems

Typically includes preparations of the above drugs in limited amounts