

Most Commonly Used CNS Depressants

- Valium
- Prozac
- Xanax
- Soma
- Alcohol



Most familiar and abused depressants are:

- Valium
- Prozac
- Xanax
- Soma
- Alcohol

These are examples of just a few anti-anxiety tranquilizers, anti-depressants, and anti-psychotics legally prescribed for a variety of disorders.

Illicit CNS Depressants

- Rohypnol (Flunitrazepam)
- Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB)



There are also several illicit CNS depressants that have gained national attention in the past several years.

- Rohypnol (Roofies)(Flunitrazepam)
- Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB)

These drugs have been implicated in an alarming number of sexual assaults and overdose deaths.

Rohypnol is most commonly found in pill form (1 or 2 mg) and is still smuggled across the US/Mexico border.

Methods and Signs of Ingestion

- Oral
- Insufflation
- Injection



Methods and Signs of Ingestion

Generally, CNS depressants will be found in pill or liquid form.

The most common method for using depressants is to take them orally.

Pills may be crushed and insufflated (snorted).

Some CNS depressants, on very rare occasions, may be injected.

When CNS depressants (other than alcohol) are taken orally, signs of ingestion may be difficult to detect.

- There are occasions when a subject may chew the tablets to create a quicker onset of effect. When this happens traces of the tablet may be lodged in the teeth.
- Injection sites are easily identifiable by swelling of the area and ulcerations of the skin.
- The injection sites differ from those of other injectable drugs because liquid depressants are generally thicker and take a larger gauge needle to inject the drug.

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Therapeutic doses (amounts typically prescribed by a physician) may not exhibit observable effects if they are ingested as prescribed.

Combinations of Depressants can be risky; they are commonly combined with Alcohol.

This increases the effects of the depressant and could magnify the effects and observable signs and symptoms.

This is synergistic effect.

General Indicators

- Wide variety of emotional behavior
- Reduced ability to divide attention
- Disoriented
- Sluggish
- Thick, slurred speech
- Drunk-like behavior
- Droopy eyes
- Fumbling



Ask participants: How would a depressant possibly impair a subject's ability to operate a vehicle safely?

Example: Slowed reflexes may cause a delay in applying brakes in a timely manner.

Indicators include:

- A wide variety of emotional effects:
 - Euphoria
 - Depression
 - Laughing or crying for no apparent reason
- Reduced ability to divide attention
- Disoriented
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- Drunk-like behavior
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General Indicators (Cont.)

- **Relaxed inhibitions**
- **Slowed reflexes**
- **Uncoordinated**
- **Drowsiness**
- **Gait ataxia**



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- Gait ataxia (impaired walking)

Eye Indicators

HGN	Present
VGN	May be Present (high dose)
LOC	Present
Pupil Size	Normal



Eye Indicators

- HGN – Present
- VGN – May be Present – especially at high dose levels for that individual
- LOC – Present
- Pupil Size – Normal

Point out that “normal” refers to the average ranges established in the DEC Program.

Onset and Duration of Effects

Type	Onset	Duration
Ultra Short	Seconds	Few Minutes
Short	10 to 15 min.	4 hours
Intermediate	30 minutes	4 to 6 hours
Long Acting	One hour	6 or more hours



Duration of Effects

There are four different categories of depressants which are classified based on their onset properties:

Type

Ultra Short
Short
Intermediate
Long Acting

Action

Very rapid
4 hours or less
4 to 6 hours
6 or more hours

Duration of Effects

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LOC	Present						



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Drug Matrix

A very sort list of examples is provided for the participants in the back of this session.

The list only covers the most common types of depressants that law enforcement officers may come in contact with.

The instructors may review them with the class, provided there is time to do so.

Refer to power point slides for examples of CNS Depressant drugs.

Complete MATRIX chart for CNS Depressant Category.

Seven Drug Categories

CNS Stimulants



CNS Stimulants

Central Nervous System Stimulants

- **Relieve fatigue**
- **Aid in weight reduction**
- **Reduce the need for sleep**
- **Increase energy and confidence levels**



Central nervous system stimulants:

- Relieve fatigue
- Aid in weight reduction
- Reduce the need for sleep
- Increase energy and confidence levels

In general, it brings about both a psychological and physical exhilaration.

CNS stimulants are commonly known as “*uppers*” and their effects are similar to the body’s flight or fight responses.

As stimulants “wear off”, the individual can exhibit signs and symptoms similar to those associated with depressants since the some of the body’s systems may experience a “crash.”

Widely Abused CNS Stimulants

- Cocaine
- Amphetamines
- Methamphetamines



The most widely abused CNS stimulants are:

- Cocaine
- Amphetamines
- Methamphetamines

Coca Plant

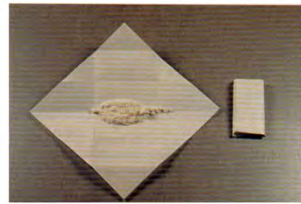


“Erythroxylon Coca”



Cocaine is made from the leaves of the coca plant and is generally found as a white or off-white power.

Cocaine



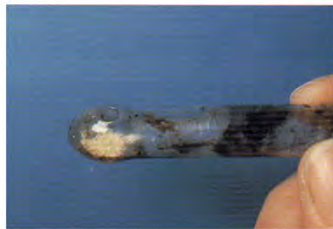
Crack cocaine is made by mixing

- Baking soda,
- Cocaine
- Water
- Then heating

It appears as small white or off-white chunks.

Amphetamines

Methamphetamine



Amphetamines are usually found in pill form and are legally manufactured for medical use.

Methamphetamine usually has the consistency of brown sugar, can be a variety of different colors, and is primarily produced illegally.

Amphetamines (Cont.)



Methamphetamine



Amphetamine Sulfate



Ephedrine and pseudoephedrine are also classified as CNS stimulants

Legal CNS Stimulants

- Diet Max
- Diet Now
- Diet Pep
- Mahuang
- Anti-insomnia aids (Mini-tabs, 357 Magnum, Ephedrine)



Ephedrine is often advertised as diet supplements

- Diet Max
- Diet Now
- Diet Pep
- Mahuang
- Anti-insomnia aids (Mini-tabs, 357 Magnum, Ephedrine)
- “Natural versions of illegal drugs” (Herbal Ecstasy and Herbal Bliss). Pseudoephedrine can be found in a variety of over-the-counter antihistamines, decongestants and cold products, thus making it more accessible
 - Both are usually found in pill form and can be used in the production of methamphetamine.
 - When taken in excess, they have the ability to impair.

Prescribed CNS Stimulants

- **Ritalin**
- **Adderall**
- **Dexedrine**



Ritalin, Adderall, and Dexedrine are also classified as CNS stimulants.

These medications allow an individual with attention deficit disorder (ADD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) to focus their attention.

These medications have recently become common targets for abuse for participants and professionals who want to obtain a temporary increase in their ability to focus and process information.

Methods and Signs of Ingestion

- **Insufflated**

- **Injected**

- **Smoked**

- **Oral**



Methods and Signs of Ingestion

There are many types of stimulants and their form will dictate the method of ingestion.

- Powder cocaine is typically insufflated, but can be injected or smoked.
- To be injected it must be converted to a liquid form. Users will heat the powder in distilled water. The chemicals will combine to form the injectable liquid.
- Crack cocaine is smoked. Crack Cocaine burns very hot, there may be signs of ingestion in the mouth.

Ingesting Stimulants

- **Methamphetamine**
- **Other Amphetamines**
- **Orally (tablets, capsules, etc.)**



- Methamphetamines can be snorted, smoked, injected, or taken orally.
- Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, Ritalin (pill), Adderall (pill), and Dexedrine (pill and capsule) are primarily taken orally.

Instructor should talk about the examples of signs in the oral cavity

- Some schools have reported Ritalin to have been crushed and inhaled by some abusers.

Ingestion Signs

- **Perforated septum**
- **Powder residue in nasal cavity**
- **Blisters on lips and tongue**
- **Raised taste buds**
- **Injection track marks**



When a CNS stimulant is taken orally, signs of ingestion may be very limited.

When they are inhaled (as a powder) the septum may be perforated.

When they are inhaled (as a powder) the nasal tissue may be irritated or inflamed.

When they are smoked, the intense heat of the smoke may cause the taste buds to rise, burn marks on the fingers (where the pipe was held), and burn marks on the lips (where the pipe touched the mouth).

Injection marks may be observed as a fresh puncture mark with blood oozing, bruising of the vein (caused by damage to the vein itself), or older marks, which may have dried blood covering the mark.

Effects of CNS Stimulants

- **Euphoria – an extremely pleasurable sensation (while the drug is psychoactive)**
- **Opposite effect as the drug wears off**



The main effect of most CNS stimulants is Euphoria – an extremely pleasurable sensation.

This is only true while the high is felt. The user may find an opposite effect as the drug wears off.

While the drug is psychoactive, the user may seem like their system is sped up or in fast forward, (But!), as the drug leaves the system (crashing), this person may appear as though they are under the influence of a CNS depressant or Narcotic Analgesic.

General Indicators of Impairment

- Restlessness
- Body tremors
- Excited
- Euphoric
- Talkative
- Exaggerated reflexes
- Anxiety



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General Indicators of Impairment (Cont.)

- Grinding teeth (bruxism)
- Redness to nasal area
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- Loss of appetite
- Increased alertness
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Eye Indicators

- **HGN – Not Present**
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- **LOC – Not Present**
- **Pupil Size – Dilated**



Eye Indicators / Matrix

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Duration of Effects

- **Cocaine** **5 – 10 minutes (smoked)**
 10 – 15 (injected)
 30 – 90 (snorted)
- **Amphetamines** **4 – 8 Hours**
- **Methamphetamines** **12 hours**
- **Ritalin** **Varies**
- **Adderall** **Varies**
- **Dexedrine** **Varies**



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Overdose Signs and Symptoms

- Increase in heart rate and blood pressure
- Convulsions
- Increased body temperature
- Hallucinations



Overdose Signs and Symptoms

Overdose signs and symptoms of a CNS stimulant may include, but are not limited to:

- Possible increase in heart rate or intensity
- Convulsions
- Increased body temperature
- Hallucinations

Medical Conditions That Mimic CNS Stimulants

- **Hyperactivity**
- **Nervousness**
- **Stress**
- **Fear**
- **Hypertension (high blood pressure)**



Conditions that may mimic CNS Stimulant impairment

There are several conditions that may mimic impairment by a CNS stimulant.

These may be, but are not limited to:

- Hyperactivity
- Nervousness
- Stress
- Fear
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)

Drug Matrix

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Briefly cover the list of examples of CNS Stimulants in the back of this session.

Complete Matrix Chart for CNS Stimulant Category

Seven Drug Categories

Hallucinogens



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- This category causes hallucinations
- Hallucinations are sensory experiences of something that does not exist outside the mind



Hallucination is a sensory experience of something that does not exist outside the mind.

Hallucinogens (Cont.)

Hallucinogens affect a person's:

- Perceptions
- Sensations
- Thinking
- Self-awareness
- Emotional state



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Hallucinogens (Cont.)

- An example of a hallucination would be seeing sounds and hearing colors
- This is called Synesthesia: or the transposition of senses



The category is classified in this manner because one of the significant effects of these drugs is hallucinations.

An example would be seeing something that does not exist or hearing a color.

This is called Synesthesia – or a transposition of senses.

Identification of Hallucinogens

Some hallucinogens occur naturally:

- **Peyote is a species of cactus containing *mescaline***
- **There are numerous mushrooms (psilocybin) capable of inducing hallucinations**
- **Jimson weed and morning glory seeds**
- **Toad (*Bufo Alvarius*) releases a hallucinogenic secretion when threatened**



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- Peyote - is a species of cactus containing mescaline.
- There are numerous mushrooms (psilocybin) capable of inducing hallucinations.
- Jimson Weed and Morning Glory seeds can also be abused, often with tragic consequences.
- There is also a toad (*Bufo Alvarius*), which releases a hallucinogenic secretion when threatened. ***This secretion is a defense mechanism for the toad.***

Common Hallucinogens



Peyote (Mescaline)



Psilocybin
(Both are grown naturally)



Common Hallucinogens

- Peyote (Mescaline)
- Psilocybin

Note: Both are grown naturally

Identification of Hallucinogens

Some hallucinogens are synthetically manufactured:

- **Lysergic acid Diethylamide (LSD)**
- **Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) or Ecstasy**



Hallucinogenic drugs are also synthetically manufactured.

Examples include:

- Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD) liquid can be placed on blotter paper and sold as tabs, or it can be absorbed by sugar cubes or other pills.
- Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) or Ecstasy is an example of a synthetically produced hallucinogen.
 - MDMA can be found as a pill or as a powder

A pill press can be used to compress the powder into a pill, which may contain a variety of different shapes or figures.

The use and abuse of Ecstasy has received wide spread attention because of its popularity in the “rave scene” and overdose deaths.

Methods of Ingestion

- Orally
- Transdermal
- Smoked
- Injected
- Insufflation



Many hallucinogens are taken orally.

LSD is absorbed directly either by placing it on the:

- Tongue
- Skin
 - When a substance is absorbed through the skin it is called transdermal absorption.

Note: Extreme care should be taken when handling suspected LSD blotter paper. LSD can be absorbed through the skin causing unintentional intoxication. Gloves should be worn!

Substances that are dried and then eaten or brewed as a tea.

- Peyote
- Psilocybin Mushrooms
- Jimson Weed
- Morning Glory seeds

Ecstasy is usually taken orally.

Additionally, users can consume hallucinogens by:

- Smoking
- Injecting
- Insufflation

Since most hallucinogens are taken orally, detecting any signs of ingestion may be difficult.

Effects of Hallucinogens

- The drug generally intensifies the mood of the user at the time of ingestion.
- If the user is depressed – you could observe a deeper depression
- If the user is feeling pleasant – you could see a heightened pleasure



Effects of Hallucinogens

The user can feel a wide variety of effects when using hallucinogens.

The effects depend on the personality and expectations of the individual as well as the surroundings in which the drug is taken.

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If the user is feeling pleasant

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Explain the terms used in the DEC Manual, “Bad Trip” or “Flash Backs”

Spend some time discussing MDMA “Ecstasy”

Effects of Hallucinogens (Cont.)

- Hallucinogens can uncover emotional flaws in the user
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General Indicators

- **Hallucinations**
- **Paranoia**
- **Nausea**
- **Perspiring**
- **Dazed appearance**
- **Flashbacks**
- **Body tremors**
- **Uncoordinated**



General Indicators

Some of the physical, mental, and medical behaviors associated with Hallucinogens are:

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- Nausea
- Perspiring
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- Flashbacks
- Body tremors
- Uncoordinated

Note: Flashbacks are not believed to be caused by a residual quantity of drug in the user's body, but rather are vivid recollections of a previous hallucinogenic experience.

This can be similar to flashbacks associated with traumatic events.

General Indicators (Cont.)

- **Disoriented**
- **Memory loss**
- **Synesthesia (transposing of the senses)**
- **Difficulty in speech**



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- Synesthesia (mixing of the senses)
- Difficulty in speech

Eye Indicators

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|--------------|-------------|
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| • VGN | Not Present |
| • LOC | Not Present |
| • Pupil Size | Dilated |



Eye Indicators

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- VGN – Not Present
- LOC – Not Present
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Duration of Effects

- **LSD** **10 to 12 hours**
 Peaks between 4-6 hours
- **Ecstasy** **1 to 3 hours**
- **Psilocybin** **2 to 3 hours**
- **Peyote** **up to 12 hours**
 Peaks between 3-4 hours



- LSD – 10 to 12 hours (Peaks between 4-6 hours)
- Ecstasy – 1 to 3 hours
- Psilocybin – 2 to 3 hours
- Peyote – up to 12 hours (Peaks between 3-4 hours)

Overdose Signs and Symptoms

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Medical Conditions That Mimic Hallucinogen Impairment

- **High fever**
- **Mental illnesses**



There are two conditions that may mimic impairment by a hallucinogen. These may be, but are not limited to:

- High fever
- Mental illnesses

Drug Matrix

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Complete Matrix Chart for the Hallucinogen Category

Seven Drug Categories

Dissociative Anesthetics



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- PCP- Phencyclidine
- Analogs
- Ketamine
- Dextromethorphan



Phencyclidine, along with its analogs, forms a distinct category all by themselves.

The chemical name for PCP is Phenyl Cyclohexyl Piperidine.

An analog of a drug is one with a similar chemical composition.

Analogues have slightly different chemical structures but produce the same effects.

Dissociative Anesthetics symptoms may be confused with individuals under the influence of hallucinogens, stimulants and depressants.

Give examples of the categories that mimic Dissociative Anesthetics.

If a thorough assessment is not performed, the examiner may jump to an incorrect conclusion.

- ***High temperature with stimulants (sweating)***
- ***HGN with depressants***
- ***Blank stare of Dissociative Anesthetics mimicking hallucinogens***

Identification of

Dissociative Anesthetics

- PCP was originally manufactured as an intravenous anesthetic - trade name *Sernyl*
- Ketamine (*Ketalar*) is an analog of PCP and is still used in pediatric and animal surgery
- DXM is found in over-the-counter anti-tussive medicines like *Robitussin, Coricidin Cough and Cold and Dimetapp*



Identification of Dissociative Anesthetics

PCP was originally manufactured as an intravenous anesthetic. It was marketed under the trade name of Sernyl.

Although the drug proved to be a very effective anesthetic, it was discontinued for human use in 1967 because of very undesirable side effects.

Ketamine (Ketalar) is an analog of Dissociative Anesthetics and is still used in pediatric and animal surgery.

Methods and Signs of Ingestion

- Orally
- Insufflation
- Transdermally
- Eye Drops
- Smoked



Methods and Signs of Ingestion

Dissociative Anesthetics ingestion:

- Orally
- Insufflation
- Transdermally
- Eye Drops
- Smoked

Most Common form of ingestion is smoking in cigars, cigarettes, and marijuana

Note: Officer Safety is important. Numerous incidents have been documented where officers have been exposed to the side effects of the drug.

Effects of Dissociative Anesthetic

- **Cut off or distort the brain's perception of the rest of the body's senses (Dissociate)**
- **Increase the user's pain threshold (Anesthetic)**



Effects of Dissociative Anesthetic

The predominant effect of Dissociative Anesthetics is as a dissociative anesthetic. This means Dissociative Anesthetics has the ability to cut off the brain's perception of the rest of the body's senses.

This sense is so strong that many users feel their head is actually separated from their body.

Another, more dangerous, effect of PCP is the user's increased pain threshold.

The user is impervious to the same pain sensations that would typically render an impaired person incapacitated.

One should be extremely cautious when dealing with an individual impaired by PCP.

General indicators

- **Perspiring**
- **Blank stare**
- **Cyclic behavior**
- **Chemical odor**
- **Increased pain threshold**
- **Incomplete verbal responses**



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General indicators (Cont.)

- Warm to the touch
- Repetitive speech
- Hallucinations
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- Possibly violent and combative
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Eye Indicators

- **HGN** **Present**
- **VGN** **Present**
- **Pupil Size** **Normal**
- **LOC** **Present**



Eye Indicators

HGN	Present
VGN	Present
Pupil Size	Normal
LOC	Present

Point out that “normal” refers to pupils within the DEC Program average ranges.

Overdose Signs and Symptom

- Deep coma lasting up to 12 hours
- Seizures and convulsions
- Respiratory depression
- Magnification of pre-existing cardiac conditions
- Possible psychosis



One of the primary overdose symptoms for the Dissociative Anesthetic drug category is a long and intense “trip.”

Conditions That May Mimic Drug Impairment

**Mental illnesses may mimic impairment
by Dissociative Anesthetics.**



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Complete Matrix Chart for the Dissociative Anesthetic Category

Seven Drug Categories

Narcotic Analgesics



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Narcotic Analgesics:

- **Relieve pain**
- **Induce euphoria, alter moods, and produce sedation**
- **Known for physically addicting properties and severe withdrawal symptoms**



Narcotic Analgesics

Drugs in the narcotic analgesics category relieve pain.

They induce euphoria, alter moods, and produce sedation.

Narcotic Analgesics are also included in the opiate family and are legal prescription medications as well as illegal drugs.

This category is known for its physically addicting properties and severe withdrawal symptoms

Identification of Narcotic Analgesics

- The most familiar narcotic analgesic is heroin
- Heroin is normally found in powder form
- Heroin's color ranges from white to dark brown (tar colored)

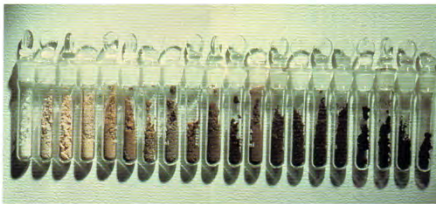


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Depending on the purity, heroin may be a white powder to a dark brown powder/tar color.

Heroin



Heroin (Cont.)



Identification of Narcotic Analgesics

Other narcotic analgesics include:

- Hydrocodone
- Vicodin
- Lortab
- Tylenol 3 (with codeine)
- Buprenorphine
- Morphine
- Oxycontin



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Typically, these are prescription drugs and found in pill form.

The shape, size, or scoring can depend on the manufacturer or milligram strength.

In most cases, narcotic analgesics are obtained in local pharmacies and sold locally

These drugs are inexpensive and frequently prescribed, but nevertheless remain a controlled substance.

Discuss the Canadian drug market, and the availability of drugs through the internet.

Methods, Signs, and Symptoms

Methods of ingestion vary, depending on the drug used

- Orally in pill form
- Inhaled as a powder
- Injected as a liquid



Methods of ingestion vary, depending on the drug used.

They may be taken:

- Orally in pill form
- Inhaled as a powder
- Injected as a liquid

Most of the prescribed pain relievers are found in the pill form, which will be taken orally. If taken orally, signs of ingestion may be limited.

Heroin that is more pure may be inhaled, while heroin that is less pure is typically injected.

Effects of Narcotic Analgesics

- Usually very addictive
- Addicts who stop using may suffer physical withdrawal symptoms
- Users may develop a tolerance to the drug (Each time the drug is taken, a larger dose is required to achieve the same feeling)



Effects of Narcotic Analgesics

- Narcotic analgesics are usually very addictive.
- This means the person must receive a dose of the drug at regular intervals or physical withdrawal may result.
- Narcotic analgesics also enable the person to develop a tolerance to the drug.
- Each time the drug is taken, a larger dose is required to achieve the same feeling.

General Indicators

- **Droopy eyelids**
- **“On the nod”**
- **Drowsiness**
- **Depressed reflexes**
- **Dry mouth**
- **Low, raspy, slow speech**



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General Indicators (Cont.)

- Euphoria
- Fresh puncture marks
- Itching
- Nausea
- Track marks



Euphoria

Fresh puncture marks

Itching

Nausea

Track marks

Eye Indicators

- **HGN** **Not Present**
- **VGN** **Not Present**
- **Pupil Size** **Constricted**
- **LOC** **Not Present**



Eye Indicators

HGN Not Present

VGN Not Present

Pupil Size Constricted

LOC Not Present

Duration of Effects

- **Heroin** **4-6 hours**
- **Hydrocodone** **6-8 hours**
- **Dilaudid** **5 hours**
- **Percodan** **4-6 hours**
- **Methadone** **12-18 hours**



Duration of Effects

The duration of narcotic analgesics can vary from one type to another.

Dosage amounts, age, weight, tolerance, and other variables may dictate the length of actual impairment.

Heroin	4-6 hours
Hydrocodone	6-8 hours
Dilaudid	5 hours
Percodan	4-6 hours
Methadone	12-18 hours

Overdose Signs

- **Slow and shallow breathing**
- **Clammy skin**
- **Coma**
- **Convulsions**



Overdose signs and symptoms of a narcotic analgesic may include, but are not limited to:

- Slow and shallow breathing
- Clammy skin
- Coma
- Convulsions

Conditions That May Mimic Narcotic Analgesic Drug Impairment

- **Fatigue**
- **Very recent head injuries**
- **Diabetic reactions**
- **Hypotension (low blood pressure)**
- **Severe depression**



There are several conditions that may mimic impairment by a narcotic analgesic. These may be, but are not limited to:

- Fatigue
- Very recent head injuries
- Diabetic reactions
- Hypotension (low blood pressure)
- Severe depression

Drug Matrix

	CNS Dep.	CNS Stim.	Hall.	Dissoc. Anest.	Narc. Analg.	Inhalant	Cannabis
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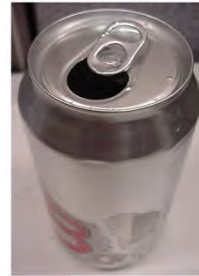
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Complete Matrix Chart for the Narcotic Analgesics Category

Seven Drug Categories

Inhalants



Inhalants

Inhalants

- **Vary widely in terms of chemicals involved and specific effects**
- **One of the most accessible and inexpensive substances of abuse due to legitimate applications**
- **Relatively inexpensive and readily available in the home, school, or work environment**



Inhalants vary widely in terms of the chemicals involved and the specific effects they produce.

Inhalants are one of the most accessible and inexpensive substances of abuse due to their legitimate applications.

They are relatively inexpensive as well as readily available in the home, school, or work environment.

Identification of Inhalants

The three sub-categories of inhalants are:

- Volatile solvents
- Aerosols
- Anesthetic gases



There are three major categories of inhalant abuse:

- Volatile solvents
- Aerosols
- Anesthetic gases

Volatile Solvents

These chemicals are usually inhaled directly from their source:

- **Gasoline**
- **Paint thinners**
- **Fingernail polish remover**
- **Cleaning fluid**
- **Dry erase markers**
- **Liquid Correction Fluid**
- **Paint**
- **Various glues**



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Aerosols

These are usually inhaled from a secondary source such as a:

- Soaked rag
- Paper bag
- Plastic bag



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Aerosols (Cont.)

Some of the commonly abused aerosols include:

- **Hair sprays**
- **Deodorants**
- **Vegetable frying pan lubricants**
- **Insecticides**
- **Spray paint**



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Anesthetic Gases

Some of the anesthetic gases include:

- Chloroform
- Amyl nitrite
- Butyl nitrite
- Isobutyl nitrite
- Nitrous oxide
 - Whipped cream (gas)



This category is the least abused of the three, mainly because of the expense and unavailability.

Anesthetic gases are drugs which allow the user to disassociate pain and are generally used for medical procedures involving surgery.

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- Amyl nitrite
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- Isobutyl nitrite
- Nitrous oxide
 - Whipped cream (gas)

Methods and Signs of Ingestion

- **Sprayed into an empty soda can and inhaled through the opening in the top**
- **Sprayed into a balloon and inhaled**
- **Soaked in a cloth (scrunchies/socks) and placed on the nose/mouth and inhaled**



Spray paint and other inhalants:

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Methods and Signs of Ingestion

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- Mouth



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- **Typically the inhalant abuser will generally appear to be intoxicated on alcohol**



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The effects of inhalants will vary widely depending on the substance inhaled.

Typically the inhalant abuser will generally appear to be intoxicated on alcohol.

Inhalant abusers can be detected and distinguished from other drug abusers because they will usually carry a chemical odor of the inhaled substance about their breath and person.

General Indicators

- **Confusion**
- **Flushed face**
- **Intense headaches**
- **Bloodshot, watery eyes**
- **Lack of muscle control**
- **Odor of substance**



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General Indicators (Cont.)

- **Non-communicative**
- **Disoriented**
- **Slurred speech**
- **Possible nausea**
- **Residue of substance around mouth and nose**



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Eye Indicators

- **HGN** **Present**
- **VGN** **Present (High Doses)**
- **LOC** **Present**
- **Pupil Size** **Normal (May be Dilated)**



Eye Indicators

HGN	Present
VGN	Present (High Doses)
Pupil Size	Normal (May be Dilated)
LOC	Present

Duration of Effects

- **Volatile Solvents** **6-8 hours**

- **Anesthetic Gases** **Very Short**
 - **Nitrous Oxide** **< 5 Minutes**
 - **Amyl Nitrite/ Butyl Nitrite** **Few seconds to 20 minutes**



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Overdose Signs and Symptoms

The primary overdose signs for inhalants are:

- Coma
- Sudden sniffing death



Overdose Signs and Symptoms

The primary overdose sign for an inhalant is coma or “sudden sniffing death.” This is where the individual stops breathing from inhaling a substance. This may occur during the first experience with an inhalant.

Conditions That May Mimic Drug Impairment

There are two conditions that may mimic inhalant impairment:

- **Severe head injuries**
- **Inner ear disorders / Equilibrium**



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Complete the Matrix Chart for the Inhalant Category

Seven Drug Categories

Cannabis



Cannabis

Cannabis

- **Category derived primarily from various species of plants, such as the Cannabis Sativa and Cannabis Indica**
- **This category has the most widely abused illicit drugs**
- **Delta-9 Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the primary psychoactive ingredient in cannabis**



Cannabis is a category of drugs derived primarily from various species of plants, such as the Cannabis Sativa and Cannabis Indica.

The drugs in this category are the most widely abused illicit drugs.

They can be extremely impairing even though they are often believed to be fairly benign.

The primary psychoactive ingredient in cannabis is:

- Delta-9 Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)

THC is found primarily in the leaves and flower of the marijuana plant.

Different varieties of cannabis contain various concentrations of THC.

Marijuana is usually found as green leaves.

Identification of Cannabis

The cannabis category includes:

- Marijuana
- Hashish
- Hash oil
- Synthetic drugs, such as Dronabinol, Marinol, or numerous other synthetic cannabinoids.



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Cannabis



Marijuana



Hashish



Hash Oil



Marinol



Marijuana is the most common and well-known of the drugs in this category, but there are other forms as well.

Identification of Cannabis

- **Marinol, a synthetic form of cannabis, has a legitimate medicinal use as an anti-vomiting agent, commonly associated with cancer chemotherapy**
- **Other uses for Marinol include treatment of glaucoma or as an appetite enhancer for anorexia disorders**



Marinol, a synthetic form of cannabis, has a legitimate medicinal use as an anti-vomiting agent, commonly associated with cancer chemotherapy.

Other forms are used for glaucoma patients or as an appetite enhancer for anorexia disorders.

Identification of Cannabis (Cont.)

The effects of cannabis depend on the strength of the THC in the dose consumed.

- THC concentrations decades ago, peaked at relatively low levels (3-6 %).
- Current levels are being reported at more than 30%



The effects of cannabis depend on the strength of the THC in the dose consumed.

THC concentrations decades ago, peaked at relatively low levels (3-6 %), however, current levels are being reported at more than 30%.

The increase in THC levels is due to hybridization and better cultivation techniques used by producers.

There are several chemicals in marijuana smoke.

Some of these chemicals are water soluble (meaning they combine with the water) and some are not (THC).

THC bonds to fat molecules and may be in the urine toxicology reports for up to 30 days. (Explain)

Methods and Signs of Ingestion

Marijuana is usually rolled into cigarettes and smoked

- **Since these cigarettes lack a filter, small bits and pieces of marijuana debris may be found stuck between the teeth of the user**
- **Burn marks may be found on the thumb and index finger**

The user may also use a “water pipe” or “bong” to smoke



Marijuana is usually rolled into cigarettes and smoked.

Since these cigarettes lack a filter, small bits and pieces of marijuana debris may be found stuck between the teeth of the user.

Burn marks may be found on the thumb and index finger.

The user may also use a “water pipe” or “bong” to smoke marijuana.

- By passing the marijuana smoke through the water, the smoke is not only more pure, but also cooler.

Effects of Cannabis

People under the influence of cannabis may display:

- **Brief attention span**
- **Divided attention impairment**



Effects of Cannabis

People under the influence of cannabis may not to be able to:

- Pay attention
- May have a very brief attention span.

The subjective effects can vary considerably, but they will exhibit divided attention impairment.

The consequences of this in the classroom may be obvious, but the consequences when driving can be fatal.

General Indicators

- **Marked reddening of the conjunctiva**
- **Odor of marijuana**
- **Marijuana debris in the mouth**
- **Body tremors**
- **Increased appetite**



General Indicators

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General Indicators (Cont.)

- **Relaxed inhibitions**
- **Disoriented**
- **Possible paranoia**
- **Impaired perception of time and distance**
- **Eyelid tremors**



- Relaxed inhibitions
- Disoriented
- Possible paranoia
- Impaired perception of time and distance
- Eyelid tremors

Eye Indicators

- **HGN** **Not Present**
- **VGN** **Not Present**
- **LOC** **Present**
- **Pupil Size** **Dilated (May be normal)**



Eye Indicators

HGN	Not Present
VGN	Not Present
Pupil Size	Dilated (May be normal)
LOC	Present

Duration of Effects

Marijuana

- **Peak** 10-30 minutes
- **Duration** 2-3 hours
- **Dissipates** 3-5 hours
- **Residual Effects** Up to 24 hours



Duration of Effects

When marijuana is smoked, the user will experience peak effects

- Within 10 to 30 minutes.

Typical marijuana users usually exhibit the effects for 2 to 3 hours, with most behavioral and physiological effects dissipating after 3-5 hours.

Some research suggests that residual effects can impact specific behaviors for up to 24 hours.

Duration of Effects

Dronabinol/Marinol

- Onset 30-60 minutes
- Peak 2-4 hours
- Appetite Stimulant Up to 24 hours



Dronabinol has an onset of 30 minutes to 1 hour with peak effects occurring between 2 and 4 hours.

It can stimulate appetite for up to 24 hours

Overdose Signs and Symptoms

Overdose signs and symptoms may include, but are not limited to:

- **Paranoia**
- **Fatigue**



Overdose signs and symptoms of cannabis may include, but are not limited to:

- Paranoia
- Fatigue

Generally speaking, cannabis impairment will not be confused with any other medical condition as noted in the other drug categories.

However, a person diagnosed with an attention deficit disorder may mimic a cannabis user's inability or unwillingness to pay attention.

Drug Matrix

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Pupil Size	Normal *	Dilated	Dilated	Normal	Constricted	Normal **	Dilated ***

**Soma, Quaaludes, and possibly some Anti-Depressants usually dilate pupils*

***Normal (average range) but may be dilated*

****Dilated, may be normal (average range)*



Complete the Matrix Chart for the Cannabis Category

QUESTIONS?



Session 7

The Effects of Drug Combinations



Learning Objectives

- Describe the prevalence of drug and alcohol use (individually and in combination) as well as poly drug use
- Define poly drug use
- Articulate possible effects of poly drug use related to the general indicators of alcohol and drugs



Briefly review the objectives, content and activities of this Session.

Upon successful completion of this Session the participant will be able to:

- Describe the prevalence of drug and alcohol use (individually and in combination) as well as poly drug use.
- Define poly drug use.
- Articulate possible effects of poly drug use related to the general indicators of alcohol and drugs.

Content Segments

- A. Prevalence of drug and alcohol use
- B. Define poly drug use
- C. Potential effects of poly drug
- D. Types of drug combinations
- E. Combinations including alcohol

Learning Activities

- Instructor-Led Presentation

- Instructor-Led Presentation

Prevalence of Drug and Alcohol Use

- In 2010 approximately 7 million people aged 12 years or older used psychotherapeutic drugs non-medically (NSDUH, 2010)



A. Prevalence of Drug and Alcohol Use

- In 2010, approximately 7 million people aged 12 years or older used psychotherapeutic drugs non-medically.
Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH, 2010).
- The exact number of prescription drug users in the U.S. is unknown. However, in 2011 a record 4 billion drug prescriptions were written in the U.S.
Source: Medical News Today, September 18, 2012.
- Among those aged 50 to 59, the rate of past month illicit drug use increased from 2.7 percent in 2002 to 5.8 percent in 2010. This trend may partially reflect the aging into this age group of the “Baby Boomer” generation, whose lifetime rate of illicit drug use is higher than those of older cohorts.
- Approximately 6.0 million Americans abuse prescription drugs each year.
Source: NSDUH Report, 2010.
- In 2010, 10.6 million persons aged 12 or older reported driving under the influence of illicit drugs during the past year. This corresponds to 4.0 percent of the population aged 12 or older. In 2010, the rate was highest among young adults aged 18 to 25 (12.7 percent).

Prevalence of Drug and Alcohol Use (Cont.)

- **Alcohol is the most popular "mixer" with other drugs**
- **Cannabis is another popular "mixer", and frequently shows up in combination with Cocaine, PCP, and various other drugs**
- **The "speedball", a combination of Cocaine and Heroin, remains popular**



- Research has shown that Alcohol is the most popular "mixer" with other drugs.
- Cannabis is another popular "mixer", and frequently shows up in combination with Cocaine, Dissociative Anesthetics, and various other drugs.
- The "speedball", a combination of Cocaine and Heroin, remains popular

Law enforcement officers should not be surprised to encounter virtually any possible combination of drugs.

Law enforcement officers may find more poly-drug users than single drug users.

This means that if the law enforcement officer is to do a good job at interpreting the results of observations, they must understand the basic mechanisms of drug interaction.

This session will help the participant understand the effects of poly-drug use.

Poly Drug Use

- **When a person ingests two or more drug categories into their body, each drug works independently**
- **The body will exhibit a combination of these effects**



B. Define Poly Drug Use

Poly Drug Use: When a person ingests two or more different drug categories.

Point out that each drug works independently, and the body may exhibit a combination of these effects.

Explain the difference between category and drug.

Potential Effects of Poly Drug Use

Four types of combined effects can, and generally will, occur when two drug categories are used together:

- Null Effect
- Overlapping Effect
- Additive Effect
- Antagonistic Effect



C. Potential Effects of Poly Drug Use

Four types of combined effects can, and generally will occur when two or more drug categories are used together:

- Null Effect
- Overlapping Effect
- Additive Effect
- Antagonistic Effect

Null Effect

If neither drug affects some particular indicator of impairment, their combination also will not affect that behavior

Nothing + Nothing = Nothing



D. Types of Drug Combinations

Null Effect

The simplest way to explain the null effect is using the phrase: "zero plus zero equals zero"

When a subject consumes one drug which does not cause HGN and they also ingest another drug which does not cause HGN, then the officer should not expect to see HGN.

Another example of the null effect is the pupil size of a suspect who was under the influence of Dissociative Anesthetic and a CNS Depressant.

Dissociative Anesthetics do not affect pupil size and neither do CNS Depressants. The combination of these drugs should not affect the size of the pupils.

If neither drug affects some particular indicator of impairment, then their combination also will not affect that indicator.

Give examples of NULL Effect. Stimulants and Narcotic Analgesics do not affect LOC.

Overlapping Effect

If one drug affects some particular indicator of impairment and another does not, their combination also will affect that behavior.



Overlapping Effect

The overlapping effect comes into play when one drug does affect an indicator of impairment and the other drug has no effect on that indicator.

Overlapping Effect Examples

Narcotic Analgesics typically cause:

- HGN - Not present
- VGN – Not present
- Pupil Size – Constricted
- LOC – Not present

CNS Depressants typically cause:

- HGN - Present
- VGN – Possibly Present
- Pupil Size – Normal (Average range)
- LOC – Present



Examples:

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CNS Depressants typically cause:

- HGN - Present
 - VGN – Possibly Present
- Note: VGN is present in high doses.
- Pupil Size – Normal (Average range)
 - LOC – Present

Likely Effects of the Combination

- HGN - Present
- VGN – Possibly Present
- Pupil Size – Constricted
- LOC – Present

Action + **Nothing** = **Action**



The specific combination of a CNS Depressant and Narcotic Analgesic can present four different overlapping effects:

- HGN - Present
- VGN – Possibly Present
- Pupil Size – Constricted
- LOC – Present

Action plus nothing equals action.

Additive Effect

If both drugs affect some particular indicator of impairment, their combination also will affect that behavior.



Additive Effect

The additive effect occurs when two drug categories affect the same indicator in the same way.

In other words, the effects 'add together' or reinforce each other to produce a greater effect than one of the drugs could produce individually.

Likely Effects of Combination Depressant and Inhalant

- Both cause HGN and VGN
- Expect to see more clues or more pronounced HGN and/or VGN than seen with an individual under the influence of either a depressant or an inhalant alone



If an officer observes general indicators related to a depressant and an inhalant:

- Both cause HGN and VGN.
- We might expect to see more clues or more pronounced HGN and/or VGN than we might see with an individual under the influence of either a depressant or an inhalant alone.

The simplest way to explain the additive effect is to say "action plus action equals greater action".

One thing we can't say for certain is how much the two drugs will reinforce each other.

Sometimes the reinforced effect is as simple as "one plus one equals two", while other drug combinations may produce a combined effect, which is greater than the individual combinations of the two drugs

"one plus one equals five"

For the purpose of this course, we use the term additive effect to cover all situations where two drugs impact an indicator in the same way.

Additive Effect Examples

Alcohol typically causes:

- HGN – Present
- VGN – Possibly present
- Pupil Size – Normal (Average range)
- LOC – Present

CNS Depressants typically cause:

- HGN – Present
- VGN – Possibly present
- Pupil Size – Normal (Average range)
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- VGN – Possibly present
- Pupil Size – Normal (Average range)
- LOC – Present

Additive Effects Cause Exaggerated Indicators



The additive effects may cause the indicators to be exaggerated.

Action + Action = Greater Action

Note: Pupils may be dilated. What you see with HGN usually will not be consistent with the BAC.

Note: VGN usually will not be present unless it's a high dose for that individual. The combination may allow the VGN to be observed at a low BAC.

Antagonistic Effect

When two drugs affect some indicator in exactly the opposite way, their combination will be unknown



Effects will be dependant on which drug is more dominant in the system at any given time



Antagonistic Effect

An antagonistic effect occurs when two drug categories affect an indicator in exactly the opposite ways.

For example:

- Stimulant use results in dilated pupils while narcotic analgesics cause the pupils to be constricted.
- An officer may observe normal, constricted, or dilated pupils due to the antagonistic effect.

When we deal with an antagonistic effect, we cannot always predict the outcome effect.

The effects that you will see will be dependant on which drug is more dominant in the system at any given time.

Example:

- If the stimulant is the psychoactive drug in the system, the pupils may be dilated.
- If the narcotic analgesic is more psychoactive drug, the pupils may be constricted.
- If the drugs are acting on the system in an equal manner you may see normal (Average range) pupils.

"Action plus opposite action may be unpredictable"

Explain or give an example of Stimulant and Narcotic Analgesic. A person may have taken an oxycontin tablet before smoking crack.

Summary

The actual effects can depend on a number of factors including, but not limited to:

- Dose levels
- Time of ingestion
- An individual's metabolism



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- A subject's metabolism

Drug Combination Examples



Cocaine and Cannabis



Cocaine and Heroin



PCP and Cannabis



Alcohol and Practically Anything Else



E. Combinations Including Alcohol

In order to illustrate the possible effects of drug combinations, the following examples we will show a cumulative drug symptomatology matrix for two different drug combinations.

Combination Dissociative Anesthetic and Narcotic Analgesic

Impairment Indicator	Effect due to Dissociative Anesthetic	Effect due to Narcotic Analgesic	Type of Combined Effect	What we will see
HGN	Present	None	Overlapping	Present
VGN	Present	None	Overlapping	Present
LOC	Present	None	Overlapping	Present
Pupil size	Normal	Constricted	Overlapping	Constricted



Note: “Normal” refers to average range.

Combination Cannabis and Stimulant

Impairment Indicator	Effect Due to Cannabis	Effect Due to Stimulant	Type of Combined Effect	What we will see
HGN	None	None	Null	None
VGN	None	None	Null	None
LOC	Present	None	Overlapping	Present
Pupil size	Dilated or Normal	Dilated	Overlapping	Dilated



QUESTIONS?



Session 8

Pre and Post Arrest Procedures



Learning Objectives

- Describe the Three Phases of the DWI Detection Process
- Describe effective roadside interview techniques
- List elements of *Driving While Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID)*
- Identify indicators of impairment during three phases of detection process



Briefly review the objectives, content and activities of this session.

Upon completion of this session participants will be able to:

- Describe the three phases of the detection process: Vehicle in Motion, Personal Contact and Pre-Arrest Screening
- Describe effective roadside interview techniques
- List the elements of the offense of DUID
- Identify the indicators of impairment observed during the three phases of the detection process

Learning Objectives (Cont.)

- **Accurately document, in sequence, observed impairment in each of the three phases of the detection process**
- **Identify additional resources to support prosecution**
- **Articulate relevant evidence as it relates to case preparation and prosecution**



- Accurately document, in the proper event sequence order, observed impairment in each of the three phases of the detection process
- Identify additional resources to support prosecution
- Articulate relevant evidence as it relates to case preparation and prosecution

Content Segments

- A. What is DWI Detection?
- B. Three phases of the detection process
- C. Effective roadside interview techniques
- D. Identifying and documenting observed indicators of impairment
- E. Case studies and scenarios
- F. Case preparation and prosecution

Learning Activities

- Instructor-Led Presentation
- Instructor-Led Presentation
- Instructor-Led Presentation and Student Practice Session
- Instructor-Led Presentation and Student Practice Session
- Student Practical Exercise
- Instructor-Led Presentation and Student Practice Session

What do you need?

- Active Observation
- Effective Documentation
- Articulation
- Courtroom Testimony



Although this course is designed to make the Participant aware of: impairment of drugs, alcohol or a combination of drugs and alcohol, the mission is also to reinforce skills which, taught in previous courses dealing with:

- Active Observation
- Effective Documentation
- Articulation
- Courtroom Testimony

This refers to the SFST Curriculum.

To effectively gather and present the collective evidence as part of a DWI arrest and prosecution, the law enforcement officer, prosecutor and other supporting professionals must consider information in terms of the totality of the evidence.

DWI Detection

Entire process of identifying and gathering evidence to determine whether or not a suspect should be arrested for impaired driving



A. What is DWI Detection?

DWI detection will be defined as:

“The entire process of identifying and gathering evidence to determine whether or not a suspect should be arrested for impaired driving attributed to alcohol, drug or a combination of alcohol and drugs.”

The instructor should highlight situations locally and nationally resulting in poor enforcement activities. Increase in fatal crashes, etc...

Three Phases

- **Vehicle in Motion**
- **Personal Contact**
- **Pre-Arrest Screening**



B. Three Phases of the Detection Process

We will look at the collection and articulation of evidence in terms of the three phases of DWI detection.

- Vehicle in Motion
- Personal Contact
- Pre-Arrest Screening

The Detection Process

When does it begin?

- What draws your attention to a vehicle?

When does it end?

- What do you base the arrest decision on?



3 Possible Decisions

- Yes – Do it Now
- Wait – Look for Additional Evidence
- No – Don't do it



The detection process:

- Yes - Do it now
- Wait - Look for additional evidence
- No - Don't do it

When does it begin?

- When the law enforcement officer attention is first drawn to a vehicle.

Ask class, What are some examples of things that would draw your attention to a vehicle.

Refer to the NHTSA Driving clues.

The detection process ends when the officer decides that there is or there is not sufficient probable cause to arrest the suspect for DWI.

The officer's attention may be drawn to a particular vehicle or individual for a variety of reasons.

DWI arrests can be initiated through any contact with motorist.

The precipitating event may be a loud noise; an equipment or moving violation; behavior that is unusual, but not necessarily illegal; or almost anything else.

Most vehicle stops do not begin with suspicion of DWI.

Initial detection may or may not carry with it a suspicion that the driver is impaired.

The Detection Process

Ends with:

- An arrest
- Release decision



The detection process ends with:

- An Arrest
- Release Decision

That decision, should ideally, be based on:

- The totality of the evidence collected throughout each of the three phases.

When the totality of the evidence is available.

However, situations and circumstances may vary in a manner that could preclude the completion of all three phases.

Examples of these circumstances would be:

- Police pursuits
- Motorist assists
- Vehicle crashes
- Traffic direction
- Sobriety Checkpoints

Law enforcement officers should not leap to the arrest/no arrest decision, but rather proceed carefully through each of the three phases when possible.

This process helps to identify all the available evidence needed to make an arrest decision.

Phase I: Vehicle in Motion

- What do you observe?
- What is the standard?
- What do you do?
- When might Phase I not occur?



Phase I: Vehicle in Motion

In Phase One, you usually observe the driver operating the vehicle.

Phase II: Personal Contact

- What do you observe?
- What do you do?
- When might Phase II not occur?



Phase II: Personal Contact

In Phase Two, after you have stopped the vehicle, there usually is an opportunity to observe and speak with the driver face-to-face.

Give examples of what should be used:

SFST (including VGN), Modified Romberg Balance, LOC, Pupil observation.

Phase III: Pre-Arrest Screening

- **Administer Standardized Field Sobriety Tests**
- **Preliminary breath test**



Phase III: Pre-Arrest Screening

In Phase Three, you usually have an opportunity to administer the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) to the driver to evaluate whether there is any degree of impairment.

You may, depending upon your agency policies and state laws, administer a preliminary breath test in addition to SFSTs to verify that alcohol is or is not the cause or a contributing factor of the impairment.

When Would Phase I NOT Be Observed?



The DWI detection process does not always include all three phases. Sometimes DWI detection occurs when Phase One is absent, such as, cases in which you have no opportunity to observe the vehicle in motion.

Ask class to identify other examples of incidences where the officer does not observe Phase One.

Examples include:

- Crashes
- Sobriety checkpoint
- Motorist assistance

When Would Phase II NOT Occur?



Sometimes there are situations when Phase Two does not occur.

Ask class if they think of examples where phase two may not be present.

Examples include:

- Crashes where driver are transported to hospital and significant time passes before an investigating officer makes contact with the driver.

Each Detection Phase

- **Two major tasks**
- **Each task has one major decision**
- **Each decision has any one of three outcomes:**
 - **Yes - Do it Now**
 - **Wait - Look for Additional Evidence**
 - **No - Don't Do It**



Each detection phase usually involves two major tasks and one major decision. Each of the major decisions can have any one of three different outcomes:

- Yes - Do it Now
- Wait - Look for Additional Evidence
- No - Don't Do It

Phase I - Task One

- **Observe the vehicle in motion**
- **Decision point: *Is there reasonable suspicion to stop the vehicle?***



Phase One:

- Task 1 Observe the vehicle in operation.

Decision Point: Is there reasonable suspicion to stop the vehicle?

Phase I - Task Two

- **Continue to observe the vehicle and the stopping sequence**
- **Decision point: *Is there reasonable suspicion to stop the vehicle?***



Phase One:

- Task 2 Continue to observe the vehicle and the stopping sequence.

Decision point: *Is there reasonable suspicion to stop the vehicle?*

Phase II - Task One

- **Observe and interview the driver face-to-face**
- **Decision point: *Should you instruct the driver to step from the vehicle for further investigation?***



Phase Two:

- Task 1: Observe and interview the driver face-to-face.

Note: Officer should follow their departmental policy governing traffic stops and investigations.

Decision Point: Should you instruct the driver to step from the vehicle for further investigation

Phase II - Task Two

- **Observe the driver's exit and walk from the vehicle**
- **Decision point: *Is there sufficient probable cause to test the driver for DWI?***



- Task 2: Observe the driver's exit and walk from the vehicle.

Decision Point: Is there sufficient probable cause to test the driver for DWI?

Phase III – Task One

- Administer psychophysical tests
- Decision point: *Is there sufficient probable cause to arrest the driver for DWI?*



Phase Three:

Give examples of what should be used:

SFST (including VGN), Modified Romberg Balance, LOC, Pupil size observation.

Task 1: Administer psychophysical tests.

- Decision Point: Is there sufficient probable cause to arrest the driver for DWI?

Phase III – Task Two

- **Arrange for or administer a preliminary breath test**
 - **What do you observe?**
 - SFST
 - HGN, VGN, WAT, OLS
 - Other Tests/Observations
 - Modified Romberg Balance, LOC, Pupil size
 - **Decision point: *Is there sufficient probable cause to arrest the driver for DWI?***



Task 2: Arrange for or administer a preliminary breath test.

What do you observe?

- SFST
 - HGN, VGN, WAT, OLS
 - Other Tests/Observations
 - Modified Romberg Balance, LOC, Pupil size
- Decision point: Is there sufficient probable cause to arrest the driver for DWI?
- What do you do?

When Might Phase III NOT Occur?



Ask class for examples where phase three may not occur.

Sometimes there are situations when Phase Three does not occur.

- There are cases in which you would not or could not administer SFSTs to the driver.

Note: This decision is made by the officer.

Ask Participants for examples.

Examples include:

- Driver is impaired to the point they are unable to safely complete the tests
- Injured to the extent they are unable to complete the tests
- Refuses to submit to tests
- Circumstances or other conditions that do not allow for the safe administration of SFSTs

Effective Roadside Interview Techniques

- This evidence is critical to successful prosecution of DWI case
- Necessary to gather valuable information during detection
- Learn and practice effective roadside interview techniques



C. Effective Roadside Interview Techniques

This evidence is critical to the successful prosecution of DWI case.

In order for the law enforcement officer to gather valuable information during the detection process, they must learn and practice effective roadside interview techniques.

What You Say

- **Communication style**
- **Tailor questioning speed and tone to the situation and circumstances**



What you say : Word choice, communication style

Example: crash or accident

Ask Participants for some examples of appropriate word choices?

Note: You should tailor your word choices to the situation or circumstances that exist at the time.

Communication style

Example: The rate of the questioning, tone of your voice.

Note: You should tailor the speed and tone of questioning to the situation and circumstances at the time.

What You Do

- **Physical positioning, demeanor - avoid an over bearing posture or stance**
- **Goal: encourage cooperation**
- **Facilitate open dialog**
- **Develop a good rapport with the subject**



What you do: Physical positioning, demeanor

Physical Positioning example: Keeping officer safety in mind, avoid an over bearing posture or stance.

Ask class to indicate some overbearing positions. Remember: The goal is to encourage cooperation.

Demeanor example: maintain professionalism, facilitate open dialog.

Note: Ask questions that will place them at ease. Allow them to talk about themselves. Develop a good rapport with the subject.

What You See, Smell, Hear

- **Bloodshot eyes, clothing, paraphernalia,**
- **Alcoholic beverage, chemical odors, marijuana**
- **Slurred speech, unusual and/or inappropriate statements, drug lingo**



What you see : Bloodshot eyes, clothing, paraphernalia, etc...

What you smell: Alcoholic beverage, chemical odors, marijuana, etc...

What you hear : Slurred speech, unusual and/or inappropriate statements, drug lingo, etc...

Identifying and Documenting Case Prep Begins with 1st Observation:

- **Document in order of the 3 Phases**
 - Absent extraordinary conditions NO shortcuts
 - Follow up on all indicators of impairment
- **Document environmental and other conditions**



D. Identifying and Documenting Observed Indicators of Impairment

During the detection process, many different situations arise which can affect the identification and documentation of your observations.

It is the law enforcement officer's responsibility to conduct a thorough and complete investigation.

Since case preparation begins with the observation of the vehicle, absent extraordinary conditions, short cuts in the three phases of detection process should not occur.

Officers should follow up on all observations that indicate impairment to determine whether impairment is present and if that impairment is due to alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both.

Identifying and Documenting

Case Prep Begins with 1st Observation:

- **Document in order of the 3 Phases**
 - Absent extraordinary conditions **NO** shortcuts
 - Follow up on all indicators of impairment
- **Document environmental and other conditions**



During phase two of the detection process, a driver may offer a reason for their behavior or physical appearance.

Ask for examples from personal experiences.

Example:

- The reason they were weaving was because they were adjusting the radio.
- The reason their eyes are glassy is because they worked a double shift.

Explain your findings...

Based on your training and experience:

- 1. Is impairment present?**
- 2. What is causing your observations?**
- 3. Is more info needed to decide?**



At this point you should draw on your training and experience to determine:

- If impairment is present
- What is causing the signs that you have observed?
- If more information is needed to make a determination

Remember

**If you didn't write it down . . .
It didn't happen**



** Remember**

- If you don't record the evidence, it didn't happen.

This determination, similar to the decision to arrest, is rarely based on one observation or factor. Rather these decisions are usually based on the totality of the circumstances.

The signs, symptoms and general indicators discussed during this course are meant to assist law enforcement officers in recognizing impairment based on alcohol, drugs or a combination of both.

Again, remind the participants they are not DRE certified and do not have the knowledge or skill base to categorize impairment with a specific drug category.

Additionally, it is intended to assist criminal justice professionals with understanding impairment based on alcohol, drugs or a combination of both.

If you didn't write it down . . . It didn't happen

- Use the drug matrix as a field reference
- Organize observations during traffic stop
- Articulate the circumstances and environment in which the stop was conducted
- Descriptive information will *paint a picture* for the prosecutor and the court



The information presented as part of this course is not intended nor meant to equip the officer with the knowledge or ability to categorize the impairment observed with a specific drug category

In an effort to help the Participant learn what types of observations may be important as part of the detection process, we have included a matrix which lists many common indicators of impairment.

This refers to the matrix that is provided in this course.

It is suggested that officers use this matrix or another documentation tool as a field reference.

There is a DRE matrix, however this matrix contains information that is outside the scope of this training course.

The matrix will help the officer to organize their observations during the traffic stop.

In addition to documenting the indicators, the officer should take care to articulate the circumstances and environment in which the stop was conducted.

This descriptive information will *paint a picture* for the prosecutor and the court, thereby presenting the evidence in an effective fashion.

Exercise: Document Observations

For each of the scenarios/case studies:

- **Describe the process of assessing the impaired driver**
- **Evaluate scenario/case study information**
- **Articulate observations related to the general indicators of impairment and the basis for that interpretation**



E. Case Studies and Scenarios

Case scenarios are in the administrative guide.

Practical Exercise: During this exercise, apply the information you have learned during this course in order to effectively document observations offered in the written scenarios and case studies.

The Participant will complete the following for each of the scenarios/case studies provided in the class:

- Describe the process of assessing the impaired driver in the context of the traffic safety related scenario/case study
- Evaluate scenario/case study information: How to analyze information/observations and describe what the results indicate
- Demonstrate the ability to articulate observations related to the general indicators of impairment and the basis for that interpretation.

Case Preparation: When does it begin?

- **Know your Legal Requirements (Statutes)**
- **Develop a Case File**
 - Accurately document all observations
 - 3 Phases
- **Don't skip steps**
 - Consistency Yields Reliability
- **Know your limitations**
- **Ask for help**



F. Case Preparation and Prosecution

Case preparation begins with the first observations of the vehicle during Phase I of the detection process.

Although state DWI/DUID statutes are different and the legal requirements necessary to prove each element of the offense differs from state to state, the detection process remains the same.

Therefore, regardless of what the statute requires, it is important that law enforcement officers understand both the elements of the state statutes, and what evidence the prosecution needs to prove each element.

During the Detection Process

- **Keep in mind your State legal requirements**
- **Organize and document observations in terms of the three detection phases**
- **A successful prosecution for impaired driving begins with building a DWI Prosecution Team**
 - **The most important part of this process is to remember that it does not matter who leads the effort**



During the detection process, it is critical that officers keep in mind the legal requirements of their state. It is equally important that the officer organize and document their observations in terms of the three detection phases.

By doing this, you will assist the prosecutor in case preparation and presentation in court.

A successful prosecution for impaired driving begins with building a DWI Prosecution Team.

The most important part of this process is to remember that it does not matter who leads the effort.

Prosecution Team

- **More comprehensive case preparation**
- **More effective prosecution**
- **Foundation for a strong DWI Prosecution Team is the relationship between the law enforcement officer(s) involved with the arrest and the prosecuting attorneys associated with the case**



The most significant benefit of the team is more comprehensive case preparation and a more effective prosecution.

- What does that mean – DWI Prosecution Team?
- Who is on that team?
- Why isn't the officer's word and observations enough?
- Doesn't this mean more work?
- How does this help me do my job?

The foundation for a strong DWI Prosecution team is the relationship between the law enforcement officer(s) involved with the arrest and the prosecuting attorneys associated with the case.

Effective communication and a clear understanding of each group's objectives and expectations is essential to the success of the DWI prosecution team.

Prosecution Team (Cont.)

- **Toxicologists**
- **Breath testing professionals**
- **DREs and other expert witnesses**
- **Provide specific details that help build the case and support the law enforcement officer's testimony**



Additionally, toxicologists, breath testing professionals, DREs and other expert witnesses provide specific details that help build the case as well as support the law enforcement officer's testimony during the trial.

We often forget about the other potential members of the team who are not directly part of the case preparation.

This section will use the word process to describe the sequence of activities and actions which take place during a DWI traffic stop, arrest, and prosecution.

This word is not used by accident. It is important for the Participants in this course to begin to view DWI enforcement and prosecution as a process which can be continually improved and refined.

Common Elements

- **Concentrate on common elements and work to optimize how we handle them**
- **Work together to utilize this team in order to follow a similar protocol with each case**
- ***Consistency Yields Reliability***



It is rational to believe that every DWI traffic stop, arrest and prosecution are different, but it is also reasonable to assume that there are common elements each time an officer encounters an impaired driver and a prosecutor prepares a DWI case.

If we can concentrate on common elements and work to optimize how we handle them, then we can be better prepared for court and common defense strategies and challenges.

We must work together to utilize this team in order to follow a similar protocol with each case. Remember, **Consistency Yields Reliability**.

Throughout this course, we have discussed information in terms of the three phases of DWI detection process.

What is in a Case File?

- All Observations
- All Evidence
- Potential Witness List
- Chemical Test Results
- Photos, Diagrams, Scene Sketch
- Other?

Remember: Comprehensive Case Prep Yields Effective Courtroom Presentation



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Potential Witnesses

Phase I: Vehicle in Motion

Phase II: Personal Contact

Phase III: Pre-Arrest Screening

Post-Arrest Screening



Phase I: Vehicle in Motion

(Observation of the suspect's driving)

Preparation for trial begins with the first observation of the vehicle in motion, which is usually the first point of attack.

In some cases, the reasonable suspicion for the traffic stop may not be associated with driving behavior consistent with the impairment, for example an equipment violation.

Therefore, all observations during the vehicle in motion phase should be noted in order to illustrate the environment to the court later.

Potential team members involved at this point may be involved at this point may include:

Phase I: Who Can Help?

- **Law enforcement officer who observed the driving and/or made the traffic stop**
- **Other law enforcement officers who may have made observations or were called in to assist**
- **Lay witnesses, including other people in the vehicle or other motorists**



- Law enforcement officer who observed the driving and/or made the traffic stop
- Other law enforcement officers who may have made observations or were called in to assist
- Lay witnesses, including other people in the vehicle or other motorists.

Law enforcement officers should note every observation made regarding driving. This includes observations before and after you activate your emergency equipment.

If there is a crash involved, the officer probably will not actually observe driving. Therefore, witnesses to the crash should be noted to prove state specific statutory requirements.

Phase II: Document Observations

- **Note every observation made regarding personal contact**
- **Include your observations before and after the subject exits the vehicle**
- **Documenting and articulating these observations can reinforce the reasonable suspicion for the stop**



Phase II: Personal Contact

(Observations of the suspect after the stop)

Preparation for trial continues with the traffic stop. Observations made before and after the suspect exits the vehicle should be documented.

Example:

- Odor of alcohol
- Slurred speech
- Red glassy eyes
- Inappropriate responses
- Using the vehicle for support during exit and/or while walking
- Accurate documentation is essential due to the length of time cases are adjudicated.
- Potential team members involved at this point may include:
 - Law enforcement officer(s) who observed the subjects following the traffic stop.
 - Other law enforcement officers who may have made observations or were called in to assist
- Lay witnesses, including other people in the vehicle or other motorist.

Law enforcement officers should note every observation made regarding personal contact. This includes your observations before and after the subject exits the vehicle.

Documenting and articulating these observations can reinforce the reasonable suspicion for the stop.

Phase III: Thoroughly Document

- **HGN, WAT, OLS and other sobriety tests, including the associated clues**
- **Potential team members:**
 - **Law enforcement officer(s)**
 - **Lay witnesses**



Phase III: Pre-Arrest Screening

(Observations of the suspect while performing all sobriety tests)

Preparation for trial continues with the officer conducting pre-arrest screening. Observations made during HGN, WAT, OLS and other sobriety tests, including the associated clues, must be thoroughly documented.

Example: During the Walk and Turn Test, the suspect may not count their steps out loud while walking. This is considered an observation. The suspect may start walking before being instructed to do so. This is considered a clue.

Potential team members involved at this point may include:

- Law enforcement officer(s) who conducts the field sobriety tests
- Other law enforcement officers who may have made observations or were called in to assist
- Lay witnesses including other people in the vehicle or at the scene

Law enforcement officers should note every observation made regarding pre-arrest screening.

This includes observations before, during and after the field sobriety tests. Recording and articulating these observations can reinforce the reasonable suspicion for the arrest.

Post Arrest Screening Potential Team Members

- **Breath testing operators/technical supervisors.**
- **Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)**
- **Medical personnel**
- **Jail personnel**



Post Arrest Screening

During post arrest screening the team will potentially include:

- Breath testing operators/technical supervisors.
- Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)
- Medical personnel
- Jail personnel

DRE's should be utilized whenever available. The officer should document what DRE was contacted, when they were contacted, and when they arrived for the evaluation.

If a DRE is not available at the time of arrest, they may still be useful at trial to bridge the gap between the observations made by the arresting officer and any biological test results.

Pre-Trial Preparation Who Can Help?

- Local Prosecutor
- Toxicologist
- DRE/DRE State Coordinator
- TSRP
- NHTSA/NAPC Prosecutor Fellow
- NTLC



Pre-Trial Preparation

For this reason, it remains essential to document, in detail, all observations including those made after arrest.

As preparation for trial begins the team should expand:

- Local prosecutor
- Toxicologist or representative from the appropriate state or contract lab

You should encourage your local prosecutors to participate in ride-a-longs and witness DRE evaluations. This knowledge will enable them to better understand the processing of impaired drivers.

- DRE Officer / DRE State Coordinator
- Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) (If available)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)/National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators (NAPC) Prosecutor Fellow
- National Traffic Law Center

Pre-Trial

- **Review your case file**
- **Meet with the prosecutor**
- **Anticipate the defense**
- **Develop visual aids**
- **Others?**



When possible, at a minimum, the local prosecutor and the arresting officers should meet to discuss the details of the case and determine potential prosecution strategies.

The toxicologist in a DEC state can be used to corroborate the testimony of the DRE.

The DRE / DRE State Coordinator may be able to assist in identifying additional DRE resources.

In a non-DEC state, the toxicologist can be used to bridge the gap between the observations of the arresting officer and the lab report.

If your state has a TSRP they can be utilized as a resource to assist both prosecutors and law enforcement.

NTLC, the NAPC Prosecutor Fellow, and NHTSA and the IACP may also serve as additional resources.

Visual Aids

- Pictures or video
- Location of stop
- Appearance of the defendant
- Performance on SFST
- Charts or diagrams
- Officer's training and experience
- Factual concepts
- Elements



Briefly discuss the importance and relevance of each of visual aid examples listed.

Trial

Direct Examination

- Use Visual Aids
- Use Plain English
- Listen Carefully to the Question
- Think Before You Answer
- Ask for Clarity if Needed
- Relate Training and Experience
- Talk to Your Audience



At trial, it is imperative that the prosecutor, arresting officer, DRE (if applicable), toxicologist and any other witness avoid using legal, law enforcement or medical specific language. The use of plain English assists the judge, jury and others who are involved in the case to understand the specifics of all testimony.

The team must work together to illustrate the entire process. Visual aids should be used to illustrate the location of the stop, physical appearance of defendant, and/or performance on the field sobriety tests.

Visual aids may also assist in explaining the officers training and experience, factual concepts, and/or the legal elements of the offence.

Remember, visual aids engage the judge/jury and increase retention of information.

From the time of the traffic stop through post arrest screening, and remain a consistent team until after the case is adjudicated.

The prosecutor may be added to the team at any time. Ideally, the prosecutor would be on board immediately, especially in the case of serious injury or fatal crashes.

Trial (Cont.)

Cross Examination

- **Be Professional**
- **Answer only the Question Asked**
- **If You Don't Know the Answer Just Say So**
 - I do not know
 - I do not recall
 - I cannot answer that question without explanation



Remember

**There is
NO Substitute
For Preparation**



QUESTIONS?

