

Drug Paraphernalia



What are Drug Paraphernalia?

These are the items that people use to produce, consume or hide the drugs that they have. It is important to recognize what they are, and how these items can be used in relation to drugs. They are easy to access in the community. They can be bought online, in smoke shops, grocery stores, gas stations, and are found all over the country. They can also be everyday items found at home.

Types of Drug Paraphernalia

Marijuana

Developed from the cannabis sativa plant, this psychoactive drug causes mind-altering sensations. Street names include weed, pot, and ganja.

- Drug paraphernalia are used to aid with the consumption of drugs and to enhance the euphoric high during drug misuse.
- While some types of paraphernalia are easy to recognize as being for drug misuse, others are everyday items found around the home.
- Due to the difficulty in recognizing types of paraphernalia, signs and symptoms of drug misuse should also be known.

Roach Clips: A metal holder for a cigarette



Rolling Papers: used to create marijuana joints



E-Cigarettes, and cigars: used to smoke the drug



Pipes: can be made of glass, acrylic, wood, etc.



Dab Rig: used to ingest a marijuana concentrate



Grinder: used to break down the substance



Bong: used for filtration when smoking



Heroin and Fentanyl

These addictive opiates frequently lead to overdoses. It causes a "euphoria" followed by periods of unstable consciousness. Street names for heroin include black tar, thunder and smack. Street names for fentanyl include china girl, goodfellas, and great bear.

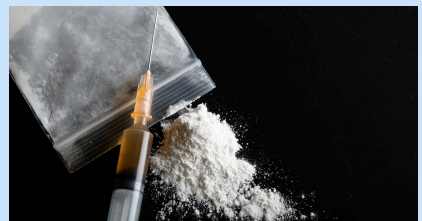
Small spoons: used to melt down drug.



Tin Foil: used to heat and smoke the drug.



Syringe: used to inject the drug directly into the bloodstream.



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Cocaine

Developed from coca leaves, and shaped from crystalized rocks into a white powder, this drug causes a sense of euphoria followed by an intense crash period. Pipes, small spoons, small mirrors, and lighters are also used to consume cocaine as well.

Cut up straw, or tubes: used for snorting powdered form of drug.



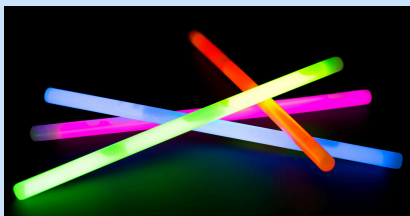
Rolled up money bills are commonly used to snort cocaine.



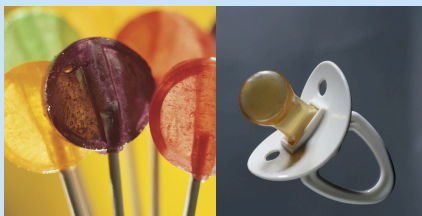
Ecstasy/MDMA/Molly

These synthetically produced drugs are commonly used at parties, and come in variety of shapes, and colors. They cause an increase in heart rate, alertness and motor activity. They also cause a sense of euphoria and lower the user's inhibition. Street names include hug drug, X, clarity, lover's speed, and go.

Glow Sticks: enhances visual sensations while using drugs.



Candy and Pacifiers: used to prevent jaw clenching and teeth grinding during high.



Inhalants

These are common household products, that when inhaled can produce a dangerous high. It can cause a sense of euphoria, and may result in loss of coordination and consciousness. Street names include whippets, gluey, rush and huff.

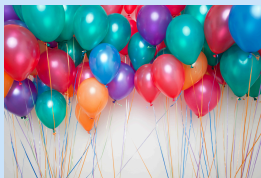
Aerosol cans: contents are inhaled for a high.



Rags: sniffed after being soaked with chemicals



Balloons: inhaled after being filled with gases.



Connecticut Resources

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24/7 Access Line

1.800.563.4086

Drug Free CT

www.drugfreet.org

National Resources

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

www.samhsa.gov

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

www.nida.nih.gov

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

www.niaaa.nih.gov

The Bottom Line

Some types of drug paraphernalia are much more easily distinguishable as being used for drug misuse, while others are overlooked due to them being common household items.

Identifying these items as being potential drug paraphernalia is crucial, but it is only one piece of the puzzle.

Equally important is recognizing the signs of drug misuse and understanding the significant health risks associated with it.

By staying informed and alert, people can better prevent the potentially devastating consequences of drug use.



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