

DATE RAPE DRUGS - An Overview

ROHYPNOL

- Manufactured by Hoffman-La Roche Pharmaceutical Company
- Approximately ten times the strength of Valium
- Rohypnol has never been approved for use in the United States
It is smuggled in primarily through Texas and Florida
- Rohypnol is a dime-size, white tablet that dissolves rapidly. It is odorless, tasteless, and has no visible effect on a drink's appearance.
- Street names for Rohypnol are: Roach, Roche (ro-shay), Roofies, Mind-Erasers, Run-Trip-and Fall, R-2, Mexican Valium, Rib, Rope, & Ropynol.

EFFECTS OF ROHYPNOL

- Rohypnol can cause Impaired Judgment, disinhibition, dizziness, confusion, disproportionate inebriation in relation to the amount of alcohol consumed, slurred speech, trouble with motor coordination, can produce complete or partial amnesia, respiratory depression, and low blood pressure.
- Sudden and unexplained drowsiness and difficulty with motor coordination.
- Takes effect in 15 minutes to an hour, lasting 8-10 hours.
- Can be detected in urine for up to 72 hours after ingestion.

GHB

- Was manufactured as a performance enhancer, although this has never been proven. It is now being manufactured in people's homes.
- A central nervous system depressant, GHB was banned in the U.S. in 1990.
- The use of GHB can cause severe, often uncontrollable side effects.
- Comes in pill and powder and liquid form and is administered to drinks.
- Street names for GHB include: Grievous Bodily Harm, Easy Lay, Gook, Gamma 10, Liquid X, E, or G, Soap, Scoop, Salty Water, Zonked.

EFFECTS OF GHB

- GHB can cause nausea, vomiting, delusions, impaired judgment, depression, vertigo, visual disturbances, seizures, respiratory distress, reduces inhibitions, increases sensitivity to touch, can immobilize victim, loss of consciousness, amnesia, coma, and death.
- GHB produces intoxication followed by deep sedation.
- When combined with alcohol or other drugs, the potential for deadly overdoses escalates rapidly.
- Periods of impaired memory may occur. This may result in the rape victim not remembering the details of what happened while they were under the influence of these drugs.
- Affects the system for 2-4 hours.
- Generally, GHB can be detected in the urine for up to 8 and sometimes 12 hours after ingestion.

KETAMINE

- Ketamine is a rapid acting general anesthetic. Mostly used by veterinarians.
- It is a felony to possess it outside of the veterinary setting.
- It is manufactured in liquid form, but can be made into a tablet or powder.
- Ketamine can be injected, smoked, snorted, and added to drinks.
- Street names for Ketamine include: Special K, Ket, K, Vitamin K, Kit Kat, Keller, Kelly's Day, Green, Blind squid, Cat Valium, Purple, Super acid/C.

EFFECTS OF KETAMINE

- Ketamine can produce hallucinations, impaired judgment and perception, paranoia and dissociative state in which the user feels as if the mind is "separated" from their body.
- Can produce a comatose state for the user and in certain situations death.
- Blocks feelings of pain. Can cause respiratory depression, but not of the central nervous system.
- Numbness, loss of coordination, sense of invulnerability, muscle rigidity, aggressive/violent behavior, slurred or blocked speech, exaggerated sense of strength, and blank stares. Large doses can produce vomiting, convulsions and may lead to oxygen starvation to the brain and muscles.
- Affects generally last an hour, but can last up to 4-6 hours. Generally it takes 24-48 before the user feels "normal" again.
- Generally, Ketamine can be detected in the urine for up to 48 hours after ingestion.

Safety Tips:

- Always keep your beverage with you. Make sure anything you drink is from an unopened container.
- When at a bar, accept drinks only from server/bartender.
- Be aware of your friends' behavior. If they appear disproportionately inebriated in relation to the amount of alcohol they have consumed, they may have unknowingly ingested a sedating drug. Get medical assistance.
- If you start to feel dizziness, nausea or any other symptoms these drugs produce, tell a friend and have them seek immediate medical attention for you.

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