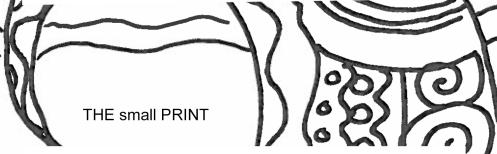




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While you read this zine, please remember we are not professionals. We aren't counsellors, doctors or addiction support workers. We are youth. The info in this zine is not a substitute for professional advice.

What we are experts on is what it's like to be a teen. We provide peer education that includes info based on our own experiences.

Content Note: There are personal stories about drugs and alcohol in this zine. Some good and some bad. Sometimes reading these stories is hard. At the end of the zine is a list resources if you need support.



Addictions Foundation Manitoba (AFM) Addictions Helpline

1.855.662.6605

Counselling, treatment and support groups for youth and families living with addiction

www.afm.mb.ca

Seek out your Elders and Medicine People!

MB Suicide Prevention & Support Line Support for people thinking about suicide or supporting someone with thoughts of suicide **1.877.435.7170**

Kids Help Phone

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1.800.668.6868

Support for youth. You can text connect to 68.68.68 or online chat at kidshelpphone.ca These are all open 24/7

Klinic Sexual Assault Crisis Line

Counselling, info and support for experiences of sexual assault

1.888.292.7565

Teen Clinics

Confidential health services that are only for youth. They are found in cities/towns throughout Manitoba.

Find one at teenclinic.ca

Look in your school for services and AFM workers Check out your nursing station or health centre for NNADAP workers

Hope for Wellness Help Line Counselling and support for Indigenous peoples

online chat at hopeforwellness.ca

Need help now? Klinic Crisis Line 1.888.322.3019 open 24/7

Counselling and support for people in crisis



Klinic Drop- In Counselling Program

870 Portage Ave. Free counseling on any issue for anyone 13+

204.784.4067 klinic.mb.ca

Ka Ni Kanichihk

455 McDermot Ave. Culturally based Indigenous programs and services.

kanikanichihk.ca 204.953.5820

Ndinawe

472 Selkirk Ave Safe shelter for youth who have left home and lots of free programs

Rainbow Resource Centre (2STLGBQ+)

170 Scott St. Counselling on any issue, library, safer sex supplies, youth groups and summer camp 204.474.0212

rainbowresourcecentre.org

SNA WE24 at the MERC

430 Langside Ave. Drop-in safe place for ages 13-26 open overnight on weekends. In winter it may be open weekdays too

Resource Assistance for Youth (RAY)

204.783.5617

125 Sherbrook St. For youth (29 and under) who have left home. Emergency help, food, clothing and housing support rayinc.ca

Outreach van that hands out free safer drug supplies info and condoms. Call or go online for the route

streetconnections.ca

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#### Who is Teen Talk?

Teen Talk is a health education program for youth. We provide services from a harm reduction, prevention education perspective. We believe that by providing youth with accurate, non-judgemental info they can make healthier decisions and choices for themselves.

#### Who is Peer Education?

We are young people who support our peers. We are volunteers with training from Teen Talk. We help our peers by listening, sharing information, and offering support. With Teen Talk's support, we run programs in our schools educate other youth and do stuff like this zine.

Peer Educators made this zine. We come from Winnipeg, the Manitoba Youth Centre, and Sagkeeng First Nation.

#### Connect with Teen Talk

Check out our website, teentalk.ca

Or find us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @teentalkmb

#### A note from our funder

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## Decision Making

When trying to decide if you're ready to stop using, it's not about how many points you have in each section, but how much importance

But how much importance these points have for you.

If you gave more importance to reasons to quit and what you will gain by quitting, that can be a sign that you are ready to make those changes.

If the importance is on reasons to use, then you may not be ready yet but you can still make small changes in how you use (like using safer) and you can set some realistic goals (like reducing use) to get you ready for bigger change.



# Which Side has more Weight for you?

Best about using

Worst about using

Best about not using

Worst about not using

Substance \'səb-stən(t)s\ noun Anything you put in your body (that isn't food) that changes how your body acts or how you think This Zine isn't about or Substances being good or or feel. We know the safest choice Not everyone makes their
Choice. They have their
is zin inder judge. This zine is about

*Thanks to AFM for this page * (It's based on their stuff... they didn't make it for us...



As a person that is under the age of 20 I am subjected to an unrelenting barrage of temptations. My experience with substances is close to nonexistent. I am trying my best to not become like my stepdad. He had a lot of problems with that kind of thing. I am in a good place and want to make sure that continues.

However, no matter how much it doesn't look like it, I actually do care about how other people see me. Not everyone's opinion matters, but for the people I respect, it does. So I do feel the slightest amount of guilt when I am refusing stuff, but I know it's the right choice for me.

Sometimes at a party it feels fine to just say no thanks. Sometimes it's easier to crack a joke or make an excuse like I work early or whatever. But, sometimes, I find it's easiest to just grab a beer and walk around with it so that no one bugs me.

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Reduces the risks and harms of substance PERSONAL CHOICE Use and SHARES **ACCURATE INFO!** Non-judgemental IT MEETS It's about being **PEOPLE** safer

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## General Tips for Partying Safer

Drink lots of water

Take breaks between using

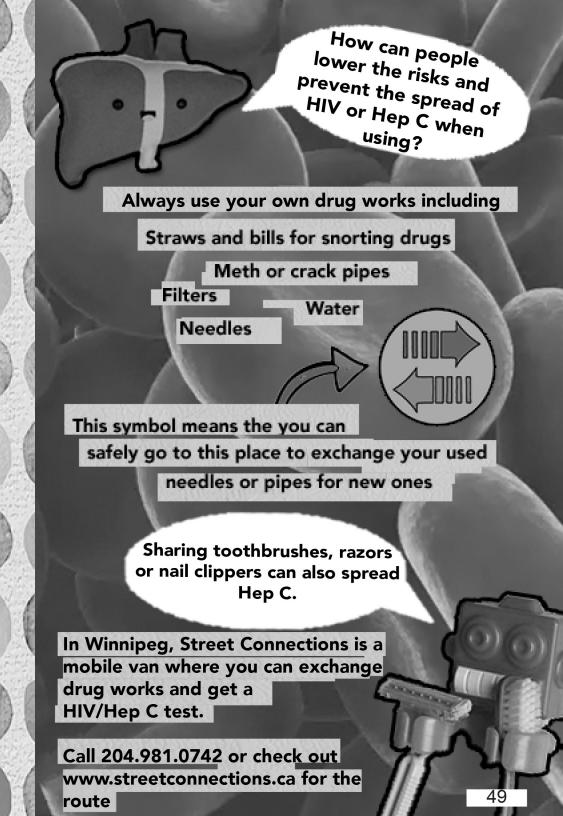
Start with a smaller dose and give it time to kick-in before taking more

Know your limit (and use less than your limit)

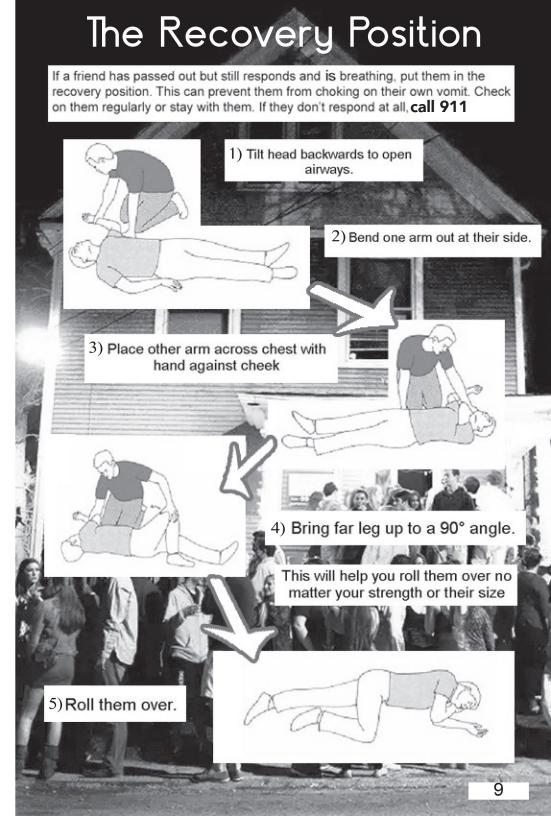
Carry condoms

Use a buddy system

Plan a safe way home



Sharing needles can spread Hep C and HIV. This includes ones for tattoos or piercings.





Alcohol
Heroin
Rohypnol
Sleeping pills
Anti-anxiety meds
Medications for depression
Pain Killers like Tylenol®, fentanyl or codeine

Why might someone use?

People might take downers to reduce physical pain, slow down the body or to relax. It can be used to numb emotional pain, but may end up numbing other feelings too, not just the ones we don't want.

## Hepatitis C

A virus that inflames the liver and can lead to liver damage

It's spread through blood-to-blood contact

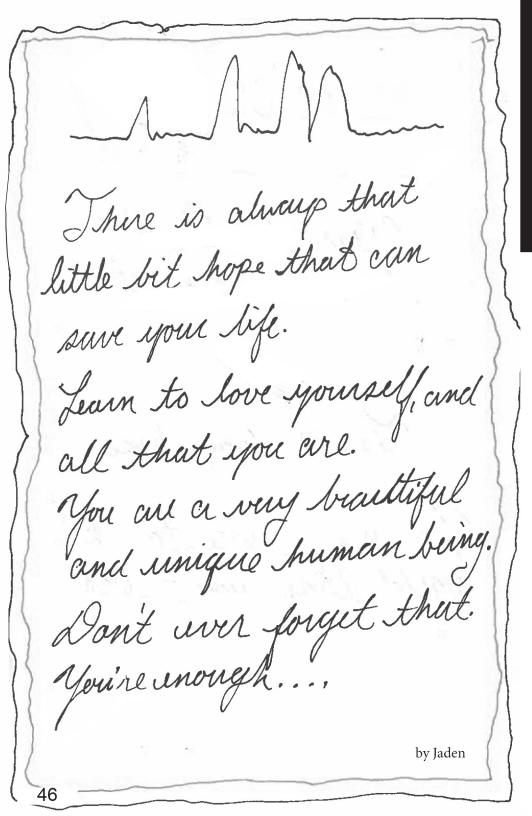
The liver filters out some of the chemicals in drugs and alcohol so they are less likely to hurt you.

There is a cure

The way to test for Hep C is through blood

# Why talk about Hep C in a drug zine?

Because it can be spread through sharing needles and other drug works.



#### Did you know?



Heroin and morphine come from the seed of the poppy plant. Yes, that thing on your bagel.

Heroin was invented in 1874 as a safer alternative pain reliever to morphine. You could even buy it over-the-counter and in baby cough syrup. It was soon after that they realized just how addictive it can be.

#### Risks:

Your judgement may be impaired which could lead to doing things you otherwise wouldn't do.

Downers slow down our central nervous system and heart rate. You may get sleepy or even pass out. There is also risk of a coma, overdose or death.

#### Staying Safer:

Drink lots of water, know your limits, start with a lower amount, and use a buddy system. Plan a safe way home or somewhere safe to crash.

Oh and don't put drugs in peoples drinks!



## What is it

It's made from fermented grains, fruits or vegetables

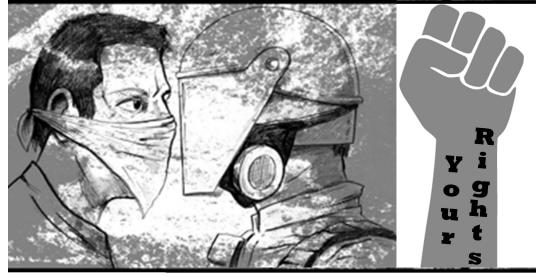
- Alcohol is a downer, but in small amounts it can make people feel energetic or happy
- •Lowers inhibitions (you might do or say things you normally wouldn't)
- Numbs the body and the mind
- ·Slows reflexes and reaction times
- Slurred speech and loss of balance



- •Drinking more than the body can handle can lead to alcohol poisoning. This may cause vomiting, passing out or an overdose. Overdose can lead to a coma or death.
- Addiction
- Long term, heavy use can have lasting health effects







Each situation is different so use your common sense. Try to stay calm and try to remember everything that happens.

It's illegal to be randomly stopped and searched without probable cause and you never have to provide ID without reason.

If you're stopped in your car, they cannot search the vehicle without a warrant or probable cause. Being impaired may count as probable cause.

You have the right to film cops. If you see cops stopping someone you can film, but must stay out of their way.

You have the right to remain silent and wait for a lawyer.

It's a good idea to always keep a password on your phone.

Police can search phones without a warrant as part of an arrest. Your right to remain silent also means you do not have to give your password, however police are allowed to use other means (hack it) to access your phone.

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## Driving under the Influence

It's illegal and dangerous to drive a car, boat, ski-do, bike, tricycle, moped, or any other vehicle while drunk or under the influence of a substance.

Someone's considered drunk based on their blood alcohol level. For some people it might not take much.

If you're in the learner or intermediate stage of getting a driver's license then your blood levels must always be zero.

With a full license if levels are 0.05-0.08 you'll receive an immediate suspension starting at 24hr and up to 60 days based on previous offences. Over 0.08 then it's an automatic 3 month suspension.

You may also have your vehicle impounded, be criminally charged, and/or have your car ignition equipped with a breathalyzer.



#### **Drinking Safer**

Plan a safe way home before you go out (have a secret cab or bus fare stash or a designated driver)

Find a safe place to sleep.

Use a buddy system.

Look after each other
and check on each other
regularly.

Watch your drink at all times and don't put stuff in other people's drinks

Know your limits. If 6 beers makes you black out, only bring 3 or 4 beers

Carry condoms

Drink water and eat food

### **Drinking and Pregnancy**

Alcohol can seriously harm a fetus and may cause Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). During a pregnancy it's best to avoid drinking or reduce use as much as possible.

Because of addiction, coping, trauma or lack of information people might use during a pregnancy. It's important to support someone who is pregnant and not shame them for using because then they may not get the help they need.

How can we support someone who is pregnant?

- -Don't drink around them
- -Listen and do not judge them
- -Do fun things with them that don't include drinking/using

### *project* CHQICES

Want to learn more? Check out Project Choices. It's a program for women about alcohol, sex and birth control. It offers info to help make healthy decisions for yourself about alcohol use and contraception.

Project Choices is based on respect and non-judgement. No one will tell you what to do or that you have to change.

Call 204.784.4072 or visit klinic.mb.ca



#### LIQUOR LAWS

It's illegal to buy alcohol for someone under the legal drinking age.

In Manitoba that age is 18.

In some other parts of Canada the age is 19.

#### Youth can drink if ...

Alcohol is given by their parent/guardian in a private residence.

In a restaurant/bar/lounge only when the parent/guardian orders and purchases the alcohol and the youth must have a meal. No one under 18 can be in a bar/lounge unless they are with their parent/guardian.

#### No matter your age...

It's always illegal to drink alcohol in public spaces (parks, playgrounds, river bank, under a bridge etc.) without a permit.

A restaurant, bar or store cannot sell alcohol to someone who is already drunk.



Police treat every situation differently, usually giving harsher penalties if they think you're dealing drugs. Regardless of how the police deal with an incident, there can be serious consequences if you get caught with illegal substances.

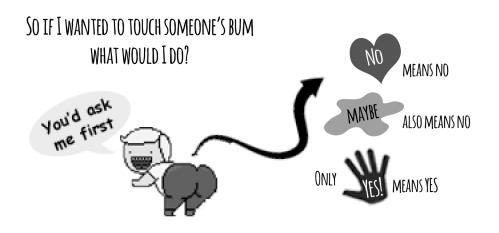


People make it out to be harmless

I remember on New Years when I was 15-1 felt like I was the only one sober. I chugged the work behind the couch - made out with my best friend & spent 8 hours throwing up. I sunk into the basement batthroom, I found comfort in the cold tiles + the spiders when it felt like the world was crashing in on me.

by Sarah

# WHAT IS CONSENT? It's getting clear permission for any sexual activity. With consent Only Yes Means Yes

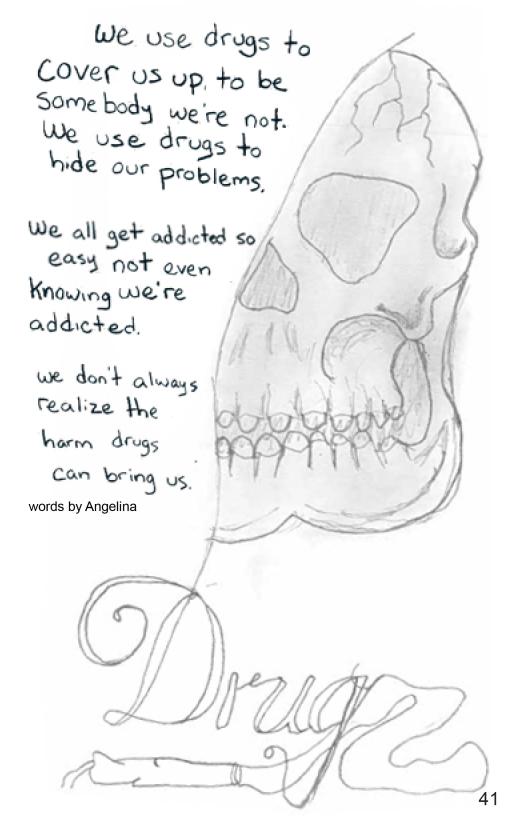


#### CONSENT IS ONGOING

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY NO AT ANYTIME INCLUDING RIGHT BEFORE OR DURING ANY SEXUAL ACTVITY.

SO IF SOMEONE SAID YES, BUT DURING THE ACTIVITY DOESN'T LOOK INTO IT OR IS GETTING QUIET OR PULLING AWAY WHAT DO YOU DO?





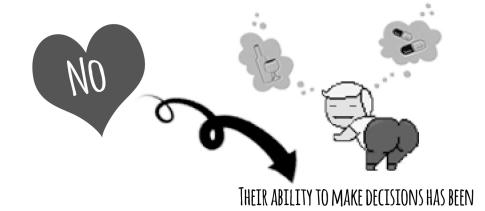
## Mixing Drugs

Mixing drugs is the number one cause of overdose. The effects of each drug might be stronger together or they may interact in a way that you don't expect.

Mixing uppers and downers can hide the effects of each other so people may take more than their bodies can handle, leading to an overdose.

Mixing weed and alcohol increases the risk of alcohol poisoning. When we've had too much alcohol, our body tries to get rid of it by throwing up. The problem is pot reduces nausea, which means we may not throw up when our body needs to.

# CAN YOU GET CONSENT IF SOMEONE'S BEEN DRINKING OR USING DRUGS?



IF SOMEONE HAS EVER SEXUALLY ASSAULTED YOU,
IT IS NOT YOU FAULT

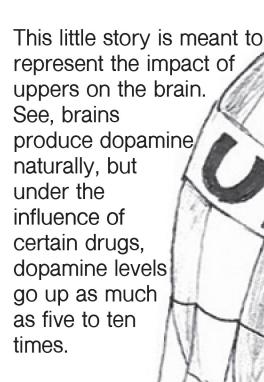
IMPAIRED. THIS MEANS THEY CAN'T GIVE

CONSENT.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET SUPPORT.

THE KLINIC SEXUAL ASSAULT LINE OFFERS
NON-JUDGEMENTAL SUPPORT. IT 'S OPEN
24/7 AND CAN BE CALLED FOR FREE
ANYWHERE IN MANITOBA.

1.888.292.7565
OR 204.786.8631



When the uppers wear off the dopamine levels go down. Some people may use more to try to get high again, but they won't reach the same

level as the first high. They will then crash again and may use again.

This is what causes addiction and what makes it so hard to recover. However, it is possible, through support and with help from friends and family.

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## PHARMACY

Using prescription drugs can be risky when they are not being used for their intended purpose.

It can be hard to know what they are (upper, downer or both)

You may not know what dose works for you so start small. It can be the difference between a good time and an unsafe time.

Avoid mixing especially with alcohol to reduce the risk

#### **Over the Counter Meds**

Over-the-counter-medications (OTC), like Tylenol®, Gravol®, or Cough Medication are legal substances that may be safe if used as directed, but they can have risks, especially when used for other purposes. Some people may use OTC to try to get high or as a way to numb out (self-medicate).

#### Risks:

Like all substances, some of the risks with using OTC include addiction and overdose. Risks may increase when mixing with alcohol.

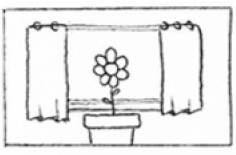
Taking too much Tylenol® can cause nausea, vomiting, stomach pain and in large doses, severe liver damage and accidental overdose.

The use of Gravol® may make people feel sleepy or numb. It can also cause feelings of depression, confusion, loss of energy, vomiting, and difficulty thinking and socializing.

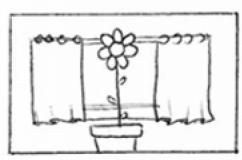
Cough medicine that has dextromethorphan in it can act as both a downer and a hallucinogen. When used in large amounts, it can cause people to feel dazed, paranoid, and to disassociate (to feel disconnected from your body).

#### **Staying safer:**

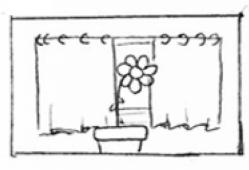
Using OTC as directed is the safer way to use. If using to get high it is important to take as low a dose as possible to get the desired effect. Taking breaks between using will give your body time to recover. Because OTC may work like hallucinogens using a buddy system can be helpful in staying safer. Avoid mixing with alcohol.



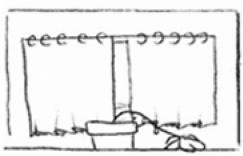
a flower.
You need a certain amount of light, water and soil.



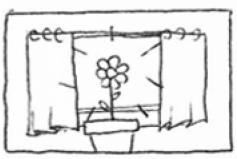
this flower, however, changed their normal conditions; for a while, it was a bigger, brighter plant!



But everytime it changed its conditions it got smaller than it had been and lost more petals.



Eventually, it wited.



BUT, under the right conditions, the flower was able to recover and revive itself!

Catherine + 5 hay



Some ways to try and reduce the risk are:

- -Try not to spray directly into your mouth
- -Try not to light a match or use a lighter because inhalants are highly flammable
- -Try to use in an open space rather then in a confined space so help get more oxygen in your system

Often people negatively judge someone for using inhalants where as someone who is using a different substance may not be judged the same way.

This is called stigma, and it may make it harder for someone to get the help and support they need if they feel their substance is becoming problematic.

Always listen without judgement. We all deserve love, dignity and respect.

by James

# Inhalants

Considered a type of hallucinogen because of its mind altering properties. It may create a feeling of euphoria, but the effects don't last long.

The effects of inhalants can be unpredictable and overdoses can be "random" and harder to prevent than with other substances. Overdose can happen the first time either from passing out, suffocating or from sudden sniffing death.

Using inhalants can also cause permanent brain damage. Other side effects may include irritability, memory loss, loss of hearing and smell, confusion and lasting changes in personality.

#### What is it?

Made from leaves of the coca plant, cocaine is a white crystal powder while crack is a rock-like form made from cocaine powder, baking soda and/or ammonia.

#### The Effects

Big pupils, hyperactivity, dry mouth, stuffy nose, reduced appetite, feelings of confidence and power, increased energy and alertness, increased blood pressure and heart rate.

Overdose or death is possible.

It can be smoked, snorted or injected. A coke high usually lasts for 30-40 minutes for injections or snorting. The effects of smoking crack last around 10-15 minutes.

The high is followed by a crash which may include feelings of depression, and a craving for more of the drug. This is why coke can be so addicting.

#### **Staying Safer**

Take breaks between use to give your body a chance to recover.

Don't share bills, straws, pipes or needles because they can transmit Hep C or HIV.

by James

# CAFFEINE

Coffee, energy drinks, some pops, some teas & 'wakeup' pills.

Caffeine is approved by society. It's actually the most used substance in the world. Some people who use it regularly are surprised to learn it is a drug at all. It can cause depression & illness, irritate the stomach & bladder, make you shaky and anxious. It has a crash that can make you cranky. Plus it makes you ranky. Plus it makes you

"In the morning I have **2** cups of coffee. If I don't I get cranky. If I have **3** I get shaky"

LSD aka Acid, takes 20-60 minutes to kick in and the effects last for about 6-8 hours. It's usually taken orally with a small square of paper called a blotter.

The Positives: Increased energy, creative thinking, awareness of senses, closed and open eye visuals and may be a profound spiritual experience.

The Risks:

Short term: Bad trips can happen which may include anxiety, tension, perspiration, nausea, confusion, paranoia, fear, panic, unwanted spiritual experiences. Sometimes, due to confusion, people get injured or there is an accidental death.

Long term: Flashbacks and tracers.

Have someone look out for you and talk you down if needed.



MDMA, often called Molly, is both an upper and a hallucinogen.

Ecstasy (E) is MDMA mixed with other things, usually including amphetamines (speed).

MDMA is often thought of as the more 'pure' of the two, but in reality we never know for sure what we are taking and what's been mixed into it.

It changes dopamine and serotonin levels in the brain. It can also react to medications (like anti-anxiety meds) which also affect these brain chemicals.

Part of the come down may mean being low on serotonin for a while which could lead to feelings of depression, unhappiness or sadness that can last a few days.

Drink lots of water to stay hydrated.

Heart attacks, strokes and liver failure have been reported. It can interfere with blood clotting. Use of MDMA/E has led to death.

It can create a sense of happiness and energy.



# NrG Blaster /

Energy drinks have caffeine but it can be upwards of 5 times the amount in a cup of coffee.

Energy drinks can cause

- Dehydration
- Insomnia (sleep problems)
- The 'jitters' (feeling shakey)
- Anxiety
- Nausea
- Heart problems

Mixing energy drinks with alcohol may mask the effects of the alcohol. This can make it easier for someone to drink more than their body can handle which may lead to alcohol poisoning.

Drink water and take breaks in between drinks to give your body time to recover

## Crystal

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Also known as Crank, Ice, Glass, Crystal, Tina...

It's made in a lab and comes in tablets, powder, or crystals. It can be swallowed, snorted, injected or smoked.

#### **Effects**

May make someone feel very up, alert and energised as well as agitated, paranoid, confused and aggressive.

- between 4 and 12 hours- and can be followed by a severe come-down.

#### Risks

Addiction

Overdose or death

Long-term use may change how the brain works

It's not unusual for drugs like meth to have things added to them to increase dealer's profits. This means you never know for sure what you're taking. **Staying Safer**Use your own drug gear

Snorting can be safer than injecting.

Start with a smaller dose

dose

Know your dealer

**USE A BUDDY SYSTEM** 

DRINK WATER

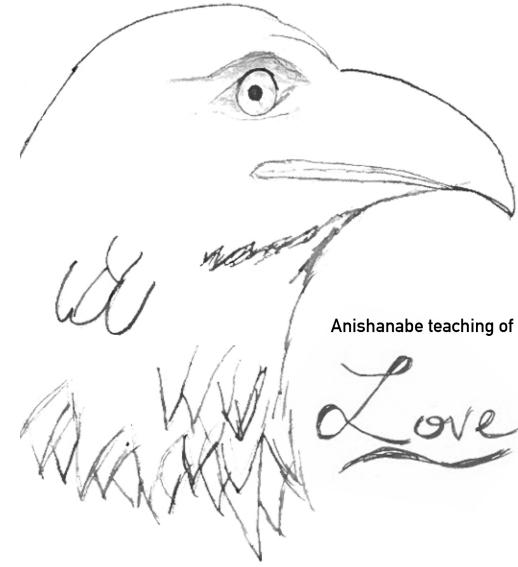
A natural hallucinogenic drug that is usually eaten or brewed into a tea. They change our perceptions (sight, sound, sense of time, etc). Someone may use mushrooms for fun, for the experience or for spiritual reasons.

Bad trips can happen and can include paranoia, fear and anxiety. Knowing your mood and being somewhere you feel safe can make a big difference in your trip. May cause upset stomach or nausea, but this often passes. Shrooms can take a while to kick in, so start with a smaller dose and give it time.

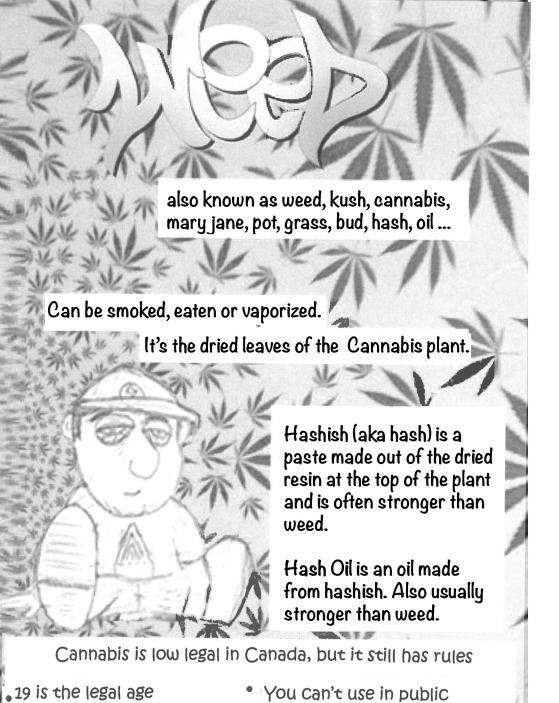


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The greatest and most powerful medicine is love. Love is represented by Migizi, the Eagle, because it has the ability to fly highest and closest to the creator. The eagle also has the sight to see all the ways of being from great distances. It sees you and brings love even if you cannot see it. Out of love we are able to heal ourselves.



Using under 19 may cost you \$ If you live in an apartment, it's

up to your landlord to say if

you can us at home or not

It's not safe to drive while

high, and it's not allowed

## HALLUCINOGENS

Magic Mushrooms
LSD (Acid)
Peyote
Salvia
MDMA/Ecstasy
Inhalants

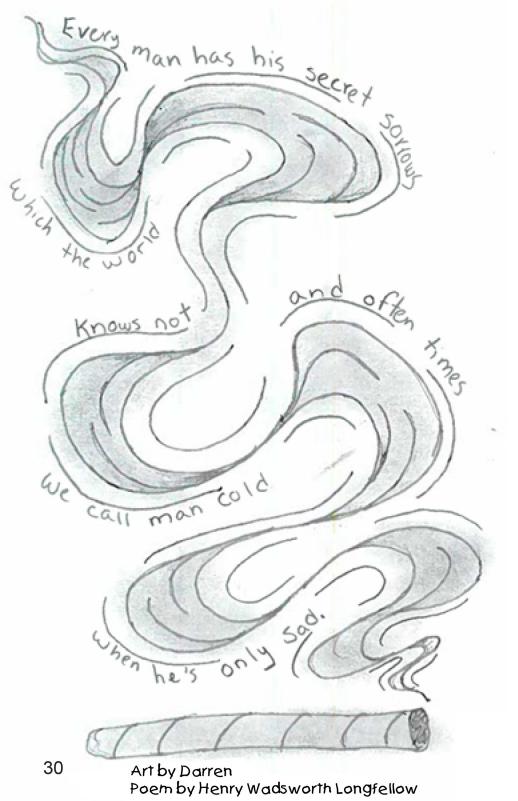
Think about your mood, setting and the people around you before using.

If you aren't feeling it then today may not be the right day to use.

This could be the difference between a great trip and a bad trip.

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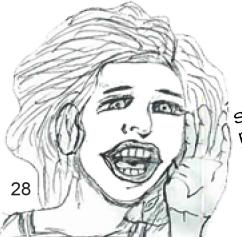
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BY: Jore!

## My experience with shatter.

I was only 17 when I took a hit thinking it was just weed Which I had done before. I took a hit. I storted feeling like I was going to throw up. I had used weed before 2 knew that it was nit just weed, so When I asked they admitted to Putting shatter in it. I thought I Could trust him. I borned my leason, once I storted hallucinading and it wasn't fun. Always make some You know what's in it a how it can diffect you. Watch People before you take any drups off of them & be coreful!

by Melody



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