

What you need to know about “Date Rape Drugs”

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Rohypnol

It is a potent tranquilizer which produces a sedative affect, amnesia, muscle relaxation and slowing of psychomotor response. The pill is distributed in 0.5, 1.0 to 2.0 milligram forms (Restrictions have been placed on the 2.0 mg form.) Rohypnol is colorless, odorless and tasteless and dissolves without leaving evidence that it may have be. It takes effect approximately 10-20 minutes after ingestion and tend to peak at 2 hours. Rohpnol can be added to any liquid (effect lasting 2-8 hours) but when added to alcohol it produces severely reduces inhibitions and causes amnesia (effect lasting 8-24 hours) Rohypnol can be detected in one’s blood for 24 hours and in one’s urine for 48 hours after ingestion. Some individuals use Rohypnol to extend and intensify the high received from alcohol. One should be aware and conscious of the use and or abuse of Rohypnol in social settings if individuals seem extremely intoxicated after consuming only a small amount of alcohol. Hoffman-La Roche is working on changing the chemical composition of Rohypnol so that trace particles or a color would appear when dissolved to leave evident of its presence.

Street names: Roofies, Rope, R2, Ruffles, Roche, Forget-pill.

Cost: Less than \$5.00 per pill.

GHB (Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate)

It is an odorless, colorless, liquid depressant with anesthetic qualities. It is also used as an amino acid by bodybuilders. GHB is usually distributed as a sodium salt in powder or tablet form and is commonly dissolved in water before ingestion. GHB produces feelings of relaxation, tranquility, sensuality, and loss of inhibitions (especially for women). The drug takes affect 10-15 min after ingestion and lasts 2-3 hours, however when combined with alcohol GHB can cause the effect to last up to 20-30 hours. Large doses can induce sudden sleep within 5-10 min.

Street names: Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate, Liquid Ecstasy, Liquid X Scoop, Easy Lay.

Cost: \$5.00-\$10.00 per dose.

Ketamine

Ketamine is a new drug that has recently been added to the predator drug category. It is a powerful anesthetic conventionally used as animal tranquilizers. It is available in liquid, powder or pill form. Ketamine causes hallucinations, amnesia and dissociation (a feeling where the mind seems to separated from the body) making it alluring for a potential date rapist.

Street name: ‘K’. Special K, Vitamin K, Ket.

Cost: \$20.00 per dose.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Don’t drink anything out of a punch bowl.
- Monitor the behavior of friends who seem more intoxicated that the amount of alcohol would warrant.
- Never accept a drink from someone you don’t know and trust.
- If you hear someone “kidding” about date rape drugs, pay attention.
- That should be a warning to leave that party or individual.