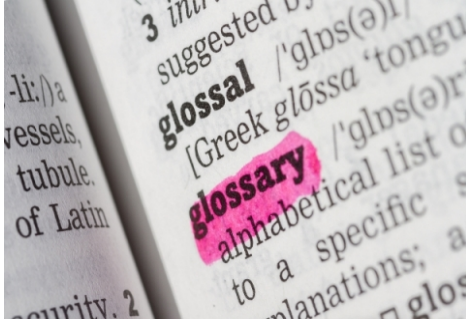




## Glossary



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**Targeted Drugs:** [Drugs \(General\)](#)

**Tags:**

**Origin:** Australian

**Cost:**

Free

## Glossary of Terms

### Comedown

Just like getting a hangover from drinking alcohol, taking illegal drugs can lead to experiencing negative after-effects sometimes known as a 'comedown' or 'crash', which are the feelings experienced as the drug wears off. The type of effects experienced during this period depend on the type of drug(s) used. They might include feelings of depression, insomnia (inability to sleep), extreme tiredness, irritability, and anxiety just to name a few and this can last anywhere from a few hours to a day or so after initially taking the drug. It is different to withdrawal effects (a sign that a person is dependent).

### Dependence (addiction)

People can also become physically and/or psychologically dependent on (addicted to) drugs, especially if they use regularly. They can develop tolerance, meaning that they need to take more of the drug to get the same effect.

The lifestyle of many people who are drug dependent (addicted to a drug) is difficult and often stressful and can lead to:

- Problems with school or work
- Losing touch with friends, family, and loved ones
- An inability to pay rent and bills, which can result in homelessness
- Impaired physical health
- Increased mental health problems
- Involvement in crime.

### Depressant Drugs

Depressant drugs reduce activity in the central nervous system. Examples include: Alcohol, GHB, Ketamine, Benzodiazepines, Opioids (e.g. Heroin).

See also [What are illegal drugs?](#)

### Polydrug Use

Mixing drugs or taking one drug when under the influence of another drug is known as polydrug use.

To find out more, see [Polydrug Use: Factsheet](#)

### Psychosis

People affected by psychosis may experience hallucinations (e.g. seeing or hearing things that aren't really there), delusions (strong beliefs that do not reflect reality), and paranoia (feeling extremely suspicious and frightened). If symptoms last for more than a few days, this could indicate that the person may have a more serious mental illness such as schizophrenia.

### Serotonin Syndrome

A life-threatening condition that usually starts within 24 hours of taking the drug. It occurs when the brain is overloaded with a neurotransmitter (brain chemical) called serotonin. Symptoms include coma, seizures, shaking, confusion, rigid muscles, rapid heartbeat, and overheating.

### Stimulant Drugs

These increase the activity in the central nervous system. Examples include: Cocaine, Caffeine, MDMA (ecstasy), Methamphetamine (speed, ice, crystal, crystal meth, base), Ritalin, some new psychoactive drugs such as mephedrone and BZP.

See also [What are illegal drugs](#) and [Emerging Drugs: Factsheet](#).

### Withdrawal Effects

People who are dependent on drugs or alcohol may also experience withdrawal effects when they stop using. Withdrawal effects can last for several days to many weeks, depending on the type of drug and severity of their dependence. Withdrawal symptoms may include feelings of anxiety, depression, restlessness, irritability, and aggression. Withdrawal can also cause muscle spasms, headaches, muscle cramps, diarrhoea, vomiting, and cravings for the drug.

### A to Z of Drugs

Heard a name or street name for a drug but not sure what it is? This list will help you identify the drug. Click on the link to view a full information page and find out more about the drug, its use, effects and potential harms.

[A to E](#) | [F to J](#) | [K to O](#) | [P to T](#) | [U to Z](#)

## A - E

<a href="#">A2</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Synthetic Piperazines. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Acid</a>	From a class of drugs called <a href="#">Hallucinogens</a> .
<a href="#">Barbiturates</a>	From a class of drugs called Depressants. See <a href="#">What are illegal drugs?</a>
<a href="#">Base</a>	From a class of drugs called <a href="#">Methamphetamine</a> .
<a href="#">Bath Salts</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Synthetic Cathinones. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Benzo Fury</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Substituted Phenethylamines. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Benzos</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Benzodiazepines</a> .
<a href="#">Cannabis</a>	
<a href="#">Charlie</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Cocaine</a> .
<a href="#">Cocaine</a>	
<a href="#">Coke</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Cocaine</a> .
<a href="#">Crack</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Cocaine</a> .
<a href="#">Crystal</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Methamphetamine</a> .
<a href="#">Death on Impact</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Substituted Phenethylamines. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Dope</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Cannabis</a> .
<a href="#">E</a>	Street name for <a href="#">MDMA/Ecstasy</a> .
<a href="#">Eccy</a>	Street name for <a href="#">MDMA/Ecstasy</a> .
<a href="#">Ecstasy</a>	
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## F - J

<a href="#">Fantasy</a>	Street name for <a href="#">GHB</a> .
<a href="#">Foxy</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Substituted Tryptamines. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Freebase</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Cocaine</a> .
<a href="#">GHB</a>	
<a href="#">Gina</a>	Street name for <a href="#">GHB</a> .
<a href="#">Go-ey</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Methamphetamine</a> .
<a href="#">Grievous bodily harm</a>	Street name for <a href="#">GHB</a> .
<a href="#">Hallucinogens</a>	
<a href="#">Hash</a>	Alternate name for <a href="#">Cannabis</a> .
<a href="#">Herbal smoking blends</a>	Street name of class of drugs called <a href="#">Synthetic Cannabinoids</a> .
<a href="#">Heroin</a>	
<a href="#">Jungle Juice</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Inhalants</a> .
<a href="#">Ice</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Methamphetamines</a> .
<a href="#">Inhalants</a>	
<a href="#">Ivory Wave</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Synthetic Cathinones. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
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## K - O

<a href="#">K</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Ketamine</a> .
<a href="#">K2</a>	Street name of class of drugs called <a href="#">Synthetic Cannabinoids</a> .
<a href="#">Ketamine</a>	
<a href="#">Kronik</a>	Street name of class of drugs called <a href="#">Synthetic Cannabinoids</a> .
<a href="#">"Legal Highs"</a>	<a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Liquid ecstasy</a>	Street name for <a href="#">GHB</a> .
<a href="#">LSD</a>	From a class of drugs called <a href="#">Hallucinogens</a> .
<a href="#">M1</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Synthetic Cathinones. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Magic Mushrooms</a>	From a class of drugs called <a href="#">Hallucinogens</a> .
<a href="#">Marijuana</a>	Alternate name for <a href="#">Cannabis</a> .
<a href="#">Meow Meow</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Synthetic Cathinones. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Meth</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Methamphetamine</a> .
<a href="#">Methamphetamine</a>	
<a href="#">Methoxetamine</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Dissociative Anaesthetics. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">M-Kat</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Synthetic Cathinones. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Moxy</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Dissociative Anaesthetics. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Mull</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Cannabis</a> .
<a href="#">MXE</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Dissociative Anaesthetics. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">N-Bomb</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Substituted Phenethylamines. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Northern Lights</a>	Street name of class of drugs called <a href="#">Synthetic Cannabinoids</a> .
<a href="#">Opiates</a>	Class of drugs including <a href="#">Heroin</a> .
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## P - T

<a href="#">Party Drugs</a>	<a href="#">MDMA/Ecstasy</a> .
<a href="#">Poppers</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Inhalants</a> .
<a href="#">Rapture</a>	Street name of class of drugs called Synthetic Piperazines. See <a href="#">Emerging Drugs</a> .
<a href="#">Salvia</a>	From a class of drugs called <a href="#">Hallucinogens</a> .
<a href="#">Smack</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Heroin</a> .
<a href="#">Snow</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Cocaine</a> .
<a href="#">Special K</a>	Street name for <a href="#">Ketamine</a> .

[Speed](#)

From a class of drugs called **Methamphetamine**.

[Spice](#)

Street name of class of drugs called **Synthetic Cannabinoids**.

[Tabs](#)

From a class of drugs called **Hallucinogens**.

[Tina](#)

Street name for **Methamphetamine**.

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U - Z

[Vitamin K](#)

Street name for **Ketamine**.

[Weed](#)

Street name for **Cannabis**.

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