



Game

## Mouse Party



**Evidence ratings:**



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**Year:** Year 9–10, Year 11–12

**Targeted Drugs:** Alcohol, Cannabis, Cocaine, Hallucinogens, Heroin, "Ice" (Methamphetamine), "Party Drugs"/MDMA/Ecstasy

**Tags:**

**Time Allocated:** 1-6 lessons

**Links to National Curriculum:**

ACPPS073 (Yr 7–8), ACPPS076 (Yr 7–8), ACPPS095 (Yr 9–10), ACPPS096 (Yr 9–10)

**Origin:** International

**Cost:**

Free

## Available

Mouse Party is available via the University of Utah's Learn.Genetics website:

[Access 'Mouse Party' game](#)

## Developers

University of Utah, Genetic Science Learning Center, USA.

## Summary

Players take a look inside the brains of mice that are under the influence of different drugs. The chemical interactions at the synaptic level are explored.

## Format

20-minute interactive learning experience.

## Expected Benefits

- Increased general knowledge of drug(s)
- Increased knowledge of drug-related effects and harms.

## Evidence Base

The game has been reviewed and won the *Science* 2010 prize for online resources in education. See:

Stark, L. A., & Pompei, K. (2010). Making genetics easy to understand. *Science*, 327, 538-539. doi: 10.1126/science.1183029

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