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Popular Recreational Unofficial Drugs

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In the gay nightlife scene worldwide, drugs can be rife. Research has suggested that gay men may be up to seven times more likely to take illegal drugs than the wider population (this research was conducted by the Lesbian and Gay Foundation (LGF) and the University of Central Lancashire, and sampled more than 4,000 people over two years).

Many believe this hedonistic lifestyle is heavily influenced by people's internal issues about being gay. Michael's House, a drug rehabilitation centre in the United States, has suggested in a feature article on their website that for many young gay men, drug use begins in the teenage years. Being brought up in environments where homosexuality is condemned may heavily influence people's perceptions of themselves. Drugs can be a coping mechanism in the face of homophobia - a way to avoid dealing with issues they don't want to face up.

An article published in The Independent newspaper last year highlighted that some people in the LGBT community blame the culture of the gay nightlife scene. It would seem to many that most methods of socialising for gay people revolve around drink and drugs. For a number of homosexual men, the gay scene is the first place they may really feel accepted. Drug use may have more of a 'community' feel and can be rarely stigmatised.

I would argue that both play a strong part. When people start taking drugs, for whatever reason, a series of bad habits can easily be formed. If people have issues they wish to avoid, the gay club scene may offer a welcoming environment for people to escape (temporarily) from the outside world.

The most widely used substances are what are referred to as ‘party drugs’. These include cannabis, cocaine and ecstasy. In recent years the use of the former ‘legal high’ mephedrone has become more prevalent. Code Clinic, who offer non-judgmental support for gay men who are involved in sex and drugs, state on their website that there are “newer trends of Crystal Meth and GHB/GBL use...especially in London.” These types of drugs dis-inhibit and make people feel more confident. This confidence helps to facilitate sexual encounters and act out fantasies; but with lower inhibitions and a higher sex drive comes increased risk. Safe sex is more likely to go out the window, making sex and drugs a potentially lethal combination.

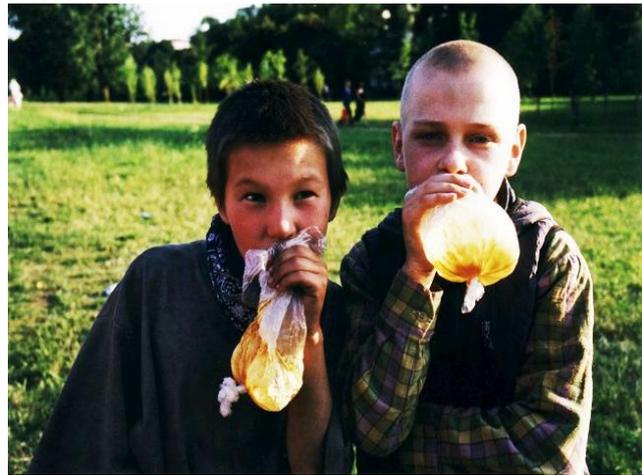
Some people may seem take drugs in a controlled way that feels manageable; but for many, regular use will lead to dependency and addiction. As time goes on, there is a need to take more drugs to get the same effect. It will then take longer to get back to normal. Quite often drug users will feel that they are in too deep and may not see a way out.

Counselling can provide a safe and non judgemental environment for a person to explore the reasons for their drug use and the effect it is having on their relationships and day to day life. Treatment may not just be about saying no to drugs. A good counsellor will promote their clients autonomy; discontinuing drug use will be the client’s decision.

Some private practice counsellors will have had specific training and/or relevant experience in supporting people with drug dependence. There are counselling directories online that include counsellors that practice gay affirmative therapy which promotes acceptance of sexual orientation.

Most people will find that drugs have a negative impact on their lives, whether that be from seemingly endless come downs or increased levels of anxiety. When drug users recognise that it is too much to handle, counselling can provide the right environment to help people regain control of their lives.

Recreational drugs use of any kind is incredibly common around the world and it very often leads to disaster, suicide and crime. To resolve this, some people advocate a liberal approach to legalization, while others support a strong government police drive “war” on the sale and use of drugs. This list looks at ten of the most popular recreational drugs in use today.

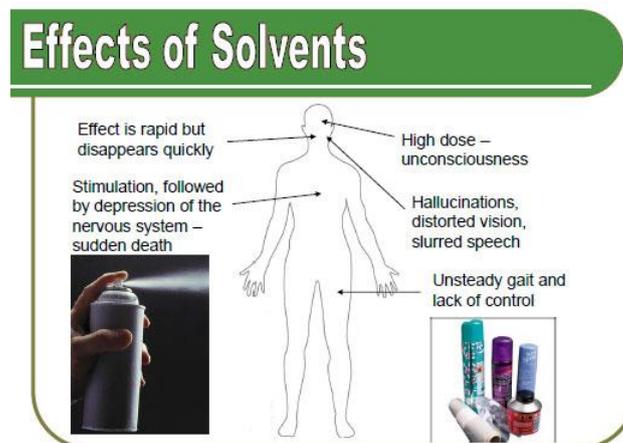


Different solvents depending the country

Solvents

Solvents are an extremely distasteful class of abusive substances. Readily available from hardware stores, solvent abuse was popularized in the late seventies as the drug of choice of the Punk Rock scene. The industrio-chemical nature of solvents, especially solvent glue, was a strong representation of the Punk vision. Other solvent inhalants include aerosols, nail varnish, gas lighter fuel and petrol.

The general availability of these products makes them popular among poor or destitute children around the world. For the equivalent of 10 cents, a street kid in Casablanca, Morocco, can buy a small tube of bicycle inner tube repair glue, enough to take him out of the world that he inhabits and into a feeling of contentment and warmth. This is a familiar story all over the world and is indicative of the depravity that generally associates itself with solvent abusers. Often the glue is inhaled from a plastic bag, sometimes over the head, it is not difficult to imagine how often an unconscious user has died of suffocation in this process.





Psychedelic mushrooms

For millennia, Psychedelic or hallucinogenic mushrooms have figured in society, culture and religion. There are more than 180 species of mushrooms which contain the psychedelics Psilocybin or Psilocin. They have a long history of use in Mexico and tribal societies and are currently one of the most popular and commonly available natural psychedelics. Psilocybin and Psilocin are the psychoactive ingredients responsible for the hallucinatory state or “trip” the user experiences some twenty minutes after consuming the mushrooms. The effect of which is similar to that of LSD but shorter lived and will be outlined in the LSD section.

Some of these “Magic Mushrooms”, are actually more poisonous than they are hallucinogenic, great care must be taken to pick the correct types. In fact it is a rule of thumb with users that you should never pick them without being accompanied by someone who has picked them before. In the United Kingdom, taking or possessing mushrooms, is legal, but preparing them including drying them or selling them is an offense under the misuse of drugs act. The Netherlands, in recent years, has made the possession of Magic Mushrooms totally illegal, which may surprise people who are aware of its relaxed laws on Cannabis. Magic Mushrooms can be dried, eaten fresh, cooked or boiled into a “tea”.



Opium

An age old drug, Opium has influenced the economy of nations, caused wars, inspired poets and brought the ruin of many. Derived from the collected sap of the Opium Poppy (*Papaver Somniferum*), it has been cultivated since Neolithic times. Used as a food source, the seeds have no narcotic effect but are used as spice, they have a mild nutty flavor. In contrast, the sap, collected from immature seed pods, has extremely powerful narcotic qualities. The plants are native to Greece and China, and were grown in Egyptian, Roman and Minoan civilizations. The sap is a highly addictive painkiller which can be smoked or eaten, and when dissolved in alcohol (commonly known as laudanum) it can be drunk.

Laudanum's biggest claim to fame was its use by the romantic poets. Many of the Pre-Raphaelites (Among them Lord Byron, Shelly and others) were known to indulge. The image of the romantic poet, pale, morose, drunk on absinthe and laudanum is a common one. It was, in the Victorian era, freely available and somewhat cheaper than gin and became a working class tippie. It was liberally prescribed to children that were teething. Opium dens were popular in most 19th century cities. Patrons would lie on their side with long wooden pipes, the bowl upturned over a smoking ball of opium.

Once, when high on opium, he was hit by a car. As he lay in the street, for a few seconds, ‘I had the impression that I was dying and it was really a very, very intense pleasure... It was, it still is now, one of my best memories. (Michel Foucault, French writer).



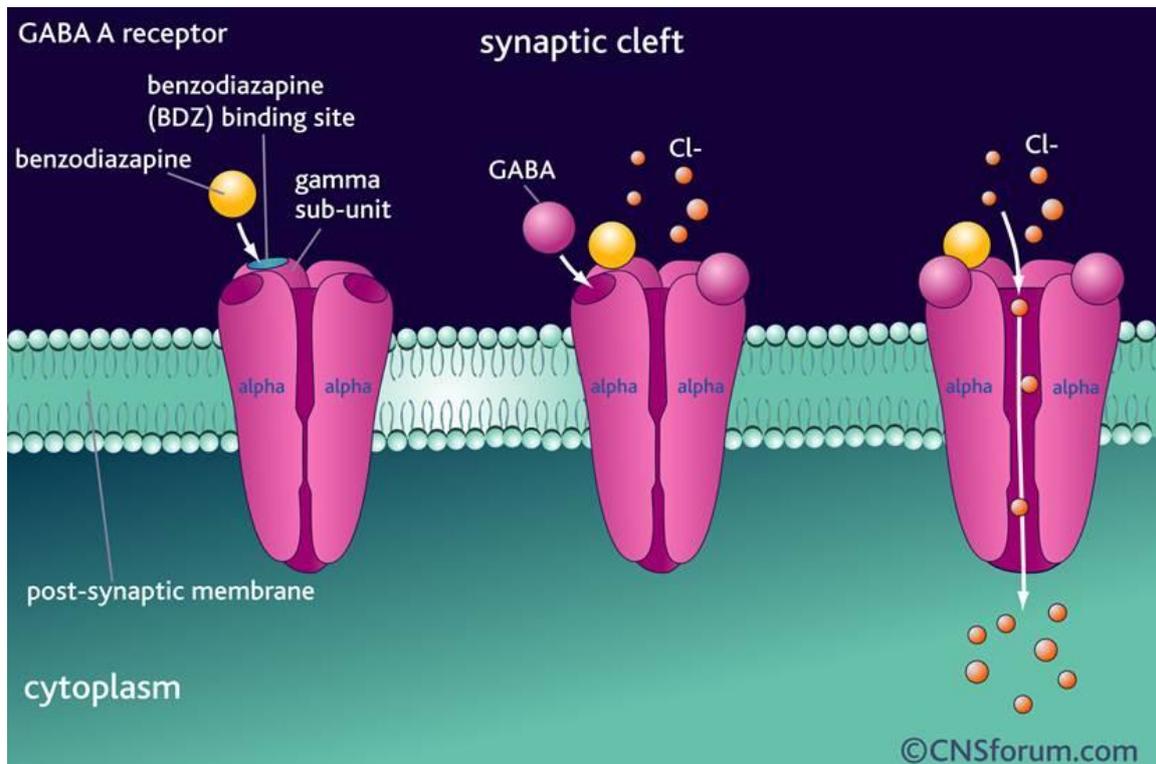
LSD

LSD (Lysergic Acid Diethylamide) is possibly the most powerful hallucinogenic drug known. It was discovered in 1938 by Albert Hoffman a Swiss chemist, whose actual purpose was to find a cure for the common cold. It has had a checkered history to say the least. Iconic public figures have, in the past, advocated its use: Hunter S Thompson, The Beatles, and Timothy Leary being notable advocates.

After 1-2 hours of ingesting the drug, visual awareness is heightened, sounds become enhanced, emotions and physical sensations are altered. The user's sense of self and its interaction with people or objects, their concept of reality is generally brought to question. Strange visual stimuli, that may or may not be comforting or frightening overwhelm the user, there is a real risk of irrational fear taking over, paranoia, confusion or panic. Equally, some people have apparently wonderful experiences with none of these symptoms.

Having apparently made one or more suicide attempts when younger, Michel Foucault defended the right to kill oneself; in fact he celebrated suicide. No conduct, he said in 1982, is more beautiful or, consequently, more worthy of careful thought than suicide. One should work on one's suicide throughout one's life. It might be said that all this is only psycho-biography based on a few facetious interviews. In fact Michel Foucault's concern with death and desire dynamic, and its connection with the negation of self, recurs through his writing, and in ways which are both fascinating and disturbing: "The border is often

narrow between a permanent temptation to commit suicide and the birth of a certain form of political consciousness.”

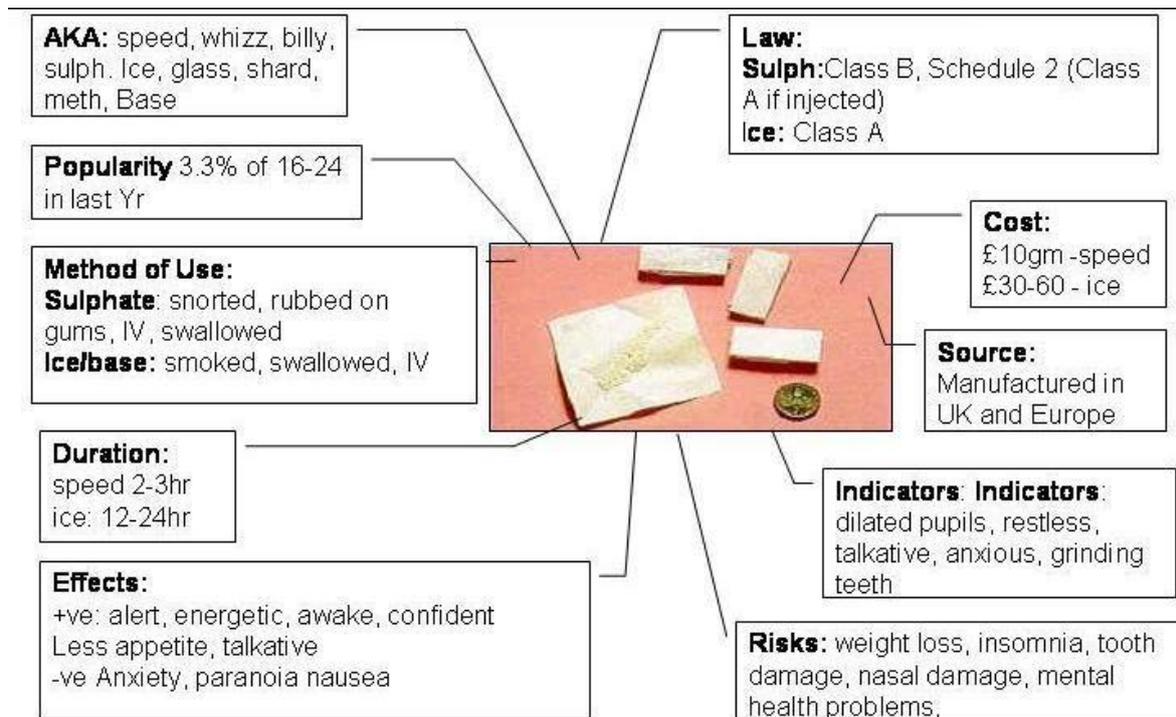


Barbiturates / Benzodiazepines

This is the first item on our list that is a prescription medicine. There is a vast range of medicines that fall in to the category of “downers” This being the street name which has passed into general usage. Barbiturates have been around since the 19th century, derived from Barbituric acid, there have been hundreds of derivatives over the years. In psychiatry and psychiatric hospitals it was frequently used to sedate violent or disturbed patients. They are a Hypnotic, and Anxiolytic, which is often used to make a patient unconscious before the true anesthesia is administered. They engender, in the abuser, feelings of calm and relaxation, physically and mentally, which creates a high level of dependency.

Barbiturates have largely been replaced by Benzodiazepines. A newer range of sedatives that was first introduced in the 1950’s as Librium. Valium soon followed with Mogadon Ativan, Frisium, and Temazepam. Safer than Barbiturates, Benzo’s soon gained popularity and the sedative culture as it was known was born. The withdrawal from Benzo dependency is extremely disturbing for the patient and recognizably bad for the doctor to witness. It has been said that it is worse than withdrawal from Opiates.

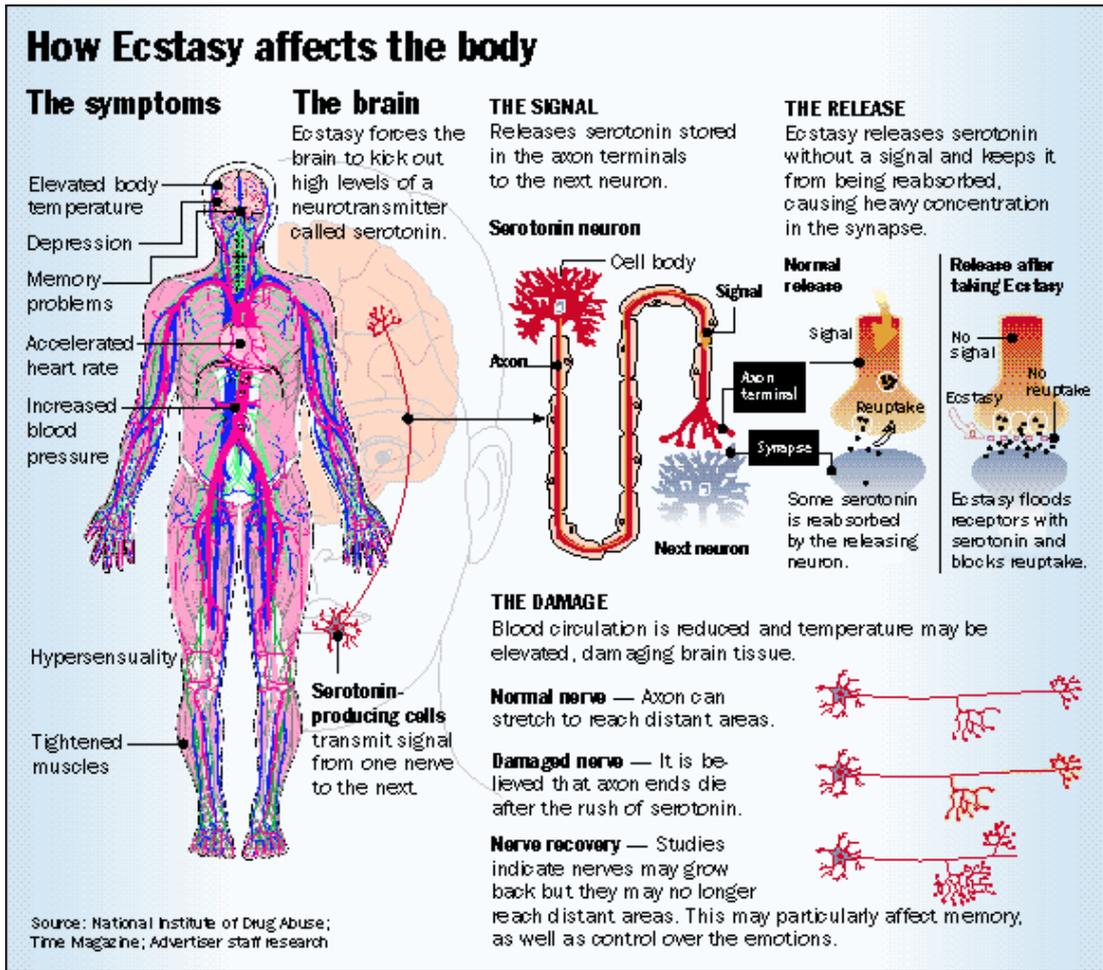
In the birth of the Clinic, whereas in the Renaissance death was the great leveler, in modern culture (from the nineteenth century) it becomes constitutive of singularity; it is in the perception of death that the individual finds himself or herself; death gives to life a face that cannot be exchanged. Death left its old tragic heaven and became the lyrical core of man: his invisible truth, his invisible secret.



Amphetamines

Amphetamines are a group of stimulant drugs that work by affecting the amount of dopamine and serotonin in the brain. They generally create a feeling of euphoria, mental focus and resilience against physical fatigue. They have been used medically as an appetite suppressant, to treat ADHD in adults and children, and by the military in the Second World War. The most common street name for Amphetamines is “speed” because of the increased energy that users display. This made it extremely popular amongst young people in the 1970s at discos and then again in the 90s in the subsequent rave music culture.

It was originally widely available in America as Bensedrine, an inhalant medicine available without prescription, until its use was controlled by the FDA in 1965. Previous to this, the German military during WW2 used it recreationally and strategically, Adolph Hitler was daily injected with a compound of Amphetamines and vitamins.



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Ecstasy

Closely linked to the use of Amphetamines (from which it is derived), Ecstasy, or MDMA, was originally used as a Psycho therapeutic drug. It is a Psychedelic drug that produces euphoria and a feeling of well being, decreased levels of fear and anxiety and a physical stimulant and sensational effect in users. It is illegal in most countries and is one of the most widely used illicit drugs in the world.

It is taken orally or sniffed as a powder. Users can have bad reactions to the drug and in the early years of its use as a recreational drug there were many instances of first time users dying without having administered an overdose. When users are exerting themselves heavily, there is a real risk of dehydration and death or illness resulting from it. Many of the “back street” MDMA factories use unclean processes and poor pharmacological techniques, and are a great danger to the people that make the drug as well as to the users.

Tell me what your desire is and I will tell you who you are, whether you are normal or not, and then I can qualify or disqualify you're your desire. By

contrast, “there is no pathology of pleasure, no “abnormal” pleasure. It is an event “outside the subject” or on the edge of the subject.



Cocaine

Cocaine, derived from the Coca plant, has been used in one form or another for over a thousand years. Originating from South America, it has been chewed as a leaf by the Peruvian Indians for centuries. It is a powerful stimulant, appetite suppressant and anesthetic. In the Victorian era, many freely available medicines contained Cocaine for use with babies and children particularly when they were teething.

For the first twenty years of its production Coca Cola contained Cocaine but the laws controlling it in the early 1900's prohibited its inclusion. It has generally through its social usage been a rich mans drug, although the use of Crack Cocaine, a modified version of the original powdered form is prepared as a “Rock” or “Stone” and smoked in pipes, has brought its usage down to street level.

Do not ask who I am, and do not ask me to remain the same: leave it to our bureaucrats, religious leaders and our police to see that our papers are in order. At least spare us their morality.



Heroin

Perhaps the most insidious of all drugs, Heroin, or Diamorphine is a derivative of Morphine, an opiate, first used as an alternative to Morphine as it was thought to be less addictive. The name Heroin, is a Trade name for Diamorphine and was used by the Bayer pharmaceutical company in the mid 1800's. It is an extremely powerful painkiller and users experience exhilaration, euphoria and a sense of well being. It can be smoked, sniffed or injected.

The withdrawal effects of Heroin are pretty dreadful, and it is virtually impossible to impart to a non-user how bad it really is. The symptoms of withdrawal are physical pain, nausea, stomach cramps and diarrhea, shaking twitching and a very strong craving for the soothing effects of the drug. Very few people can cope with withdrawal and this drives people to commit crimes to fund their next drug purchase.



Cannabis

The most popular of all recreational drugs, Cannabis, or Marijuana, Grass, Hemp, Weed, Pot, Hash, Dope or a variety of regional names has been cultivated for thousands of years. Derived in various forms from the Cannabis plants Cannabis Indica or Cannabis Sativa, it is native to central Asia but its cultivation and use is global. It is a Psychoactive and a Psychedelic. It can be smoked as leaves or flower buds, it can be ground down to isolate the crystallized sap and then pressed into a solid, or the resin extracted by collection via contact with the sticky plant parts.

The effects are fairly immediate, a slightly drunken but euphoric sensation, it can be mild or strong according to the method of delivery and the strength and quantity of the dose. It is not generally debilitating unless as with anything else it is taken to excess, and it can cause some mental confusion that is mostly temporary.



Supplement (sold mainly in sex shops)



Amyl nitrite or Poppers

Amyl nitrite, also known as '**poppers**' is a short acting inhalant, causing vasodilation, accompanied by an intense rush, euphoria, and a sensation of heat and excitement. Amyl nitrite has maintained a prominent position among vasodilators used in medicine for over 100 years. In terms of recreational use, Amyl nitrite and other compounds of the alkyl nitrite -popper- family have been part of the club culture from the 1970's disco scene up till current times.

Amyl nitrite is a chemical compound in the alkyl nitrite family with the formula $C_5H_{11}ONO$. A variety of isomers are known, but they all feature an amyl group attached to the nitrito functional group. The term "amyl nitrite" encompasses several isomers. For example, a common form of amyl nitrite with the formula $(CH_3)_2CHCH_2CH_2ONO$ may be more specifically referred to as isoamyl

nitrite. When the amyl group is a linear or normal alkyl group, the resulting amyl nitrite would have the structural formula $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{ONO}$. In a pharmaceutical context, amyl nitrite refers to a mixture of isomers containing not less than 97% isoamyl nitrite. The alkyl group is unreactive and the chemical and biological properties are mainly due to the nitrite group. All alkyl nitrites -known as poppers- have bioactive and psychoactive effects, which have led to the recreational use of these substances. Other types of commercially available poppers include cyclohexyl, butyl, isobutyl, and isopropyl nitrites and share the same effects, however duration and side effects may vary slightly, depending on the nitrite. Amyl nitrite is a short acting inhalant, causing vasodilation, accompanied by an intense rush, euphoria, and a sensation of heat and excitement.

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Amyl nitrite is used by inhaling the vapors of the liquid compound through the nose. Pharmaceutical grade Amyl, first manufactured by Burroughs Wellcome (now GlaxoSmithKline) and Eli Lilly and Company, was originally sold in small glass ampoules that were crushed to release their vapors, and received the name "poppers" as a result of the popping sound made by crushing the ampoule. Commercially available brands of poppers come in glass vials of varying shapes, sizes and colours (although usually a dark brown bottle, to protect the light-sensitive compound inside). Commercial brands make dosage impossible to measure in a conventional sense, but intake is easily controlled by how much the user inhales.

Effects of Amyl nitrite

Amyl nitrite is a potent vasodilator, acting on the body through release of the nitrite ion. The most prominent and important actions of nitrite are on vascular smooth muscle. The dilating effect on the systemic arterioles reduces peripheral vascular resistance, and this is usually associated with a decrease in systemic blood pressure. The resulting effects are:

Head rush

Euphoria

- Flushing of the face
- Increased heart rate
- Warming sensations
- Feelings of excitement
- Relaxation of involuntary muscles, especially the anal and vaginal sphincters.

The onset takes only a few seconds and effects last only 1-2 minutes, before dissipating entirely. These effects are often felt to increase sexual arousal and desire; in males Amyl nitrite can help bring on or 'strengthen' an erection, via increased blood flow to the penis. It is widely reported that Amyl nitrite can enhance and prolong orgasms for both sexes.

Inhalation of Amyl Nitrite may cause negative side effects, including:

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Emesis (vomiting)
- Dyspnea (shortness of breath)
- Syncope (fainting)

Describe which combinations are possible or known.

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Anecdotal evidences suggests that Amyl Nitrite, like Nitrous Oxide, has the ability to alter the nature of a psychedelic trip, even after the effects of the Amyl have worn off.

Long term use of Amyl Nitrate can lead to permanent damage to the brain, bones, heart, kidneys and liver, as explained by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

It may cause permanent hearing loss, as well as chronic tremors and slurred speech. Continued use can also result in chronic memory loss, emotional instability, mental disturbance and ongoing hallucinations.

Some other risks of taking Amyl nitrite

Taking Viagra with Amyl(and other) Nitrite(s) can cause a serious decrease in blood pressure, leading to fainting, stroke, or even heart attack.

Swallowing Amyl(and other) Nitrite(s) can cause serious acute medical complications and may result in death.

Accidental aspiration of Amyl(and other) Nitrite(s) may lead to the development of lipoid pneumonia.

Amyl(and other) Nitrite(s) can cause burns if spilled on skin.

Amyl(and other) Nitrite(s) can cause redness or itching rashes around the mouth and nose.

A worth-while note in re: Amyl Nitrite and AIDS/HIV:

The use of Amyl Nitrite (and all poppers) to facilitate sexual enjoyment is commonly acknowledged in gay subpopulations, and HIV infection is prevalent among homosexual men. As such Amyl nitrite and other poppers have been accused of helping to spread AIDS/HIV, however existing scientific studies on this topic do not justify the widespread belief that Amyl nitrite has been shown to help cause AIDS, or cause anything else for that matter. Physicians like prominent cardiologist John O. Parker, M.D., and James Mosley, M.D., -the University of Southern California Medical School professor who heads the federal government's largest, multi-million dollar program studying the AIDS virus and the nation's blood supply-, have provided public testimony at governmental hearings considering the banning of "poppers". Each had reviewed the evidence and stated under oath that he regards the claims of danger to be ill founded. When mediocre or even plain bad scientific research is politically exploited by AIDS institutions eager to appear to be earning their keep, or by the media -- ever keen to fan any spark of controversy, or zealots riding their favorite hypothesis saddled up as fact, the public is in danger. -Bruce Voeller, Ph. D.



Sneakers Sniff

Walking into the men's basketball locker-room, and see all the boys changing out of their uniforms and game worn sneaks, one of them catches me watching and I am forced to my knees. I am forced to lick the sweaty leather and and inhale his potent jock aroma from his sneaks.

There are a lot of things with sneakers. Getting into licking sneakers, whether they are clean or dirty. Personally, I also like smelling the leather of the uppers and the rubber of the soles. Sneakers tend to carry the essence of the jock to which they belong, which makes the sneaker fetish a very intimate experience. In addition to oral and olfactory enjoyment of sneakers, I usually also enjoy tactile experiences. Nothing quite compares to the feeling of being walked on by a hot guy in sneakers with a tough sole. The experience can be quite painful, but it is very erotic. Other tactile sensations I enjoy include the sole of the sneaker being rubbed against my hard cock head, having soles being drug along my back and my head being pressed down by one sneaker while sucking on the leather of the other. Being trampled is one of the best feelings. There is the feeling of the weight on your body, as well as the friction with the sole, and on occasion the pressure from the guy jumping on you. There are few positions that are more

helpless than that of being under the sneakers of a guy. One of my most considered fantasies is to be used as a doormat by a basketball team, or for a party. I don't mind licking dirty sneakers, and would love the chance to eat food from the soles of a jock's sneakers. One of the most humiliating and erotic things to lick from a sneaker is cum. If a guy shoots his load on a sneaker, especially if it is mine, and I am forced to lick it off, I am in a position of blissful submission. Other parts of my fetish involve me wearing sneakers. I love looking at my own feet in hot sneakers, and enjoy getting my own sneakers licked. I enjoy wearing sneaks while I sleep, wearing a new pair and watching them get nicely broken in, and occasionally sniffing my own foot smell from them. I like wearing my sneakers with low cut socks and shorts, or long jeans, covering up the top of the sneakers. On occasion I will wear my sneakers bare, it is usually quite an erotic feeling.

My idea of the perfect sneaker is one that is mostly leather, and is nicely wrinkled from its wear. During wear the sneaker should become very soft and gain a variety of scents, including the scent of their man. I personally love Nike Air basketball shoes, a lot of Nike's running shoes, Adidas basketball shoes (especially SS2G), New Balance trail running shoes, almost any skater shoes and a variety of other sneaks. I am attracted to sneakers being worn many different ways, one of the things that attracts me is sneakers that are worn fairly loose.

It is my experience that young people mostly are interested in sniffing sneakers of all kind. Lately (*summer 2015*), I bought for myself three pairs of sneakers in a sport shop, but I did not purchase them till I was sure the smell would give me the effect and the expected satisfaction for what I bought them for. As I said, mostly young people are playing with sneakers.

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