

HOW DRUGS ARE CLASSIFIED IN THE US

SCHEDULE	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES
Schedule 1	Drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. They are the most dangerous drugs of all the drug schedules with potentially severe psychological or physical dependence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heroin - Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) - Marijuana (Cannabis) - Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (Ecstasy) - Methaqualone - Peyote
Schedule 2	Drugs with a high potential for abuse, with use potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence. These drugs are also considered dangerous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combination products with less than 15mg of hydrocodone per dosage unit (Vicodin) - Cocaine - methamphetamine - Methadone - Hydromorphone (Dilaudid) - Meperidine (Demerol) - Oxycodone (OxyContin) - Fentanyl - Dexedrine - Adderall - Ritalin
Schedule 3	Drugs with a moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence. Schedule 3 drugs abuse potential is less than Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 drugs but more than Schedule 4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Products containing less than 90mg of codeine per dosage unit (Tylenol and codeine) - Ketamine - Anabolic steroids - Testosterone
Schedule 4	Drugs with a low potential for abuse and low risk of dependence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Xanax - Soma - Darvon - Darvocet - Valium - Ativan - Talwin - Ambien - Tramadol
Schedule 5	Drugs with lower potential for abuse than Schedule 4 and consist of preparations containing limited quantities of certain narcotics. Schedule 5 drugs are generally used for antidiarrheal, antitussive, and analgesic purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cough preparations with less than 200mg of codeine per 100ml (Robitussin AC) - Lomotil - Motofen - Lyrica - Parepectolin

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