



**DON'T LET DRUGS  
HOLD YOU BACK  
FROM YOUR  
FULL POTENTIAL**



Making Northern Ireland Safer For Everyone



# HEROIN - CLASS A

**Common names** - Horse, Junk, Smack, Scag, H, Diamorphine, Morphine, Opium.

**Signs of abuse** - Display signs of apathy, neglect of personal appearance and hygiene, loss of appetite and weight, loss of interest in hobbies and social activities, personality changes and furtive behaviour. Users resort to crime to pay for their habit, and can seem drunken or drowsy.

# COCAINE - CLASS A

**Common names** - Coke, Crack, Nose Candy, Snow.

**Signs of abuse** - User may appear unusually energetic and exuberant, show little interest in food, disturbed sleep pattern. Agitation, mood swings, aggressive behaviour and suspicion of others.

# ECSTASY - CLASS A

**Common names** - E, MDMA, XTC, Methylenedioxy-Methamphetamine.

**Signs of abuse** - Dilated pupils. Behaviour is excitable or agitated. Weight loss, tooth damage and anxiety.

# METHAMPHETAMINE -

## CLASS A

**Common names** - Ice, Chalk, Yaba, Crystal Meth, Tina, Crank, Glass, Tweak, Crypto.

**Signs of abuse** - Skin, teeth, hygiene, eating and sleeping are all neglected. Users smell of chemicals (cat urine).



# AMPHETAMINES -

## CLASS B

**Common names** - Speed, Uppers, Bennies, Whiz, Blues.

**Signs of abuse** - Unusually energetic, cheerful and excessively talkative. Restlessness, agitation and lack of interest in food, personality changes, paranoia, mood swings and unusual sleeping patterns.

# CANNABIS - CLASS B

**Common names** - Marijuana, Grass, Pot, Dope, Reefers, Weed, Hash, Ganja, Skunk, Skunkweed.

**Signs of abuse** -

Unusually talkative, or appear drunk. Appetite increased, can become defensive and aggressive. Very distinct smell that may linger on hair/clothes, burn marks on clothing.



## KETAMINE - CLASS C

**Common names** - Kit-Kat, Special K, Super K, Vitamin K.

**Signs of abuse** - People who have used Ketamine can behave strangely as it is known to have psychological effects. Painful injuries (i.e. cigarette burns) appear to go unnoticed.

## MEPHEDRONE - CLASS B

**Common names** - Can be sold as plant food or bath salts.

**Signs of abuse** -  
Abdominal problems,  
mood swings, paranoia.



# **DRUGS CAN AFFECT YOUR HEALTH AND RUIN YOUR FUTURE**

If you are convicted of a drugs offence it could become difficult for you to pursue the life and career that you have dreamed of.

There are some countries which will refuse to let you enter if you have a conviction for drugs. There are potential difficulties in getting travel visas and you may even be sent home once you arrive at your destination.



An increasing number of professions automatically exclude individuals with past convictions related to drugs. You could be asked about previous convictions on your application and may also be required to do a drugs test for a job interview or at random intervals during your employment, even if you do not have a record. Lying about something like this could hinder your application.

A drugs conviction may have a negative effect if you want to work in the following professions:

• **MEDICAL**

• **EDUCATION**

• **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

• **WORKING WITH CHILDREN**

**OR VULNERABLE PEOPLE**