## HOME TRUTHS

MORPHINE

Are you aware of the drugs that are all around us?

Take a look around your own home and see how many are in your cupboards and drawers.

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SLEEPING TABLETS

ALL DRUGS

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## KNOW WHAT DRUGS DO.

All substances have an effect on our bodies, our nervous systems and our mental health. We should be aware and careful about any substances we are using, whether it is prescribed, something we buy over the counter, illicit or illegal.

For great information on different drugs and the effects they have on our bodies and those around us.

## www.drugs.ie www.BeSmartBeSafe.ie

HERE'S A CHECKLIST OF THE EFFECTS THAT DIFFERENT DRUG TYPES HAVE ON OUR BODIES. MIXING ANY OF THESE SUBSTANCES INCREASES THE EFFECT, AND THE RISK.



**Be Smart Be Safe** is a community response campaign to concerns about today's changing drug landscape and the needs of families.

DRUG TYPE	EFFECTS OF USE	EFFECTS OF MISUSE	RISKS
SEDATIVES Downers	Reduced feelings of anxiety and tension. Also used to treat insomnia.	Drowsiness, slurred speech, lack of co- ordination.	Overdose with risk of death, dependence with regular use.
STIMULANTS Uppers	Increase in physical and mental activity.	Physical and mental hyperactivity, effects depend on mood and amount taken.	Increase in heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature. Anxiety, panic attacks, aggression, depression, fatigue, dependence and overdose.
OPIATES	Pain relief, slowing down of mental and physical activity.	Drowsiness, detachment from reality.	Physical and psychological dependence, infection from sharing unclean needles, overdose and death.
HALLUCINOGENS	Distort reality, confusion of time and distance, hallucinations.	Paranoia, confusion, disturbance of reality.	Death, accidental injury, memory loss, personality change.
SOLVENTS	Depresses central nervous system, increases sensitivity of the heart to adrenalin, palpitations.	Paranoia, constant sweats, nasal damage.	Death, severe fits, accidents.
CANNABIS	Intoxicating effects, relaxation, increased heart rate, lower blood pressure, hallucinations, short- term memory loss, paranoia.	Intoxication, impaired judgement, lack of concentration, mood swings, accidents, fatigue, loss of interest in school/work/ friends/hobbies, impaired cognitive thinking.	Increased risk of throat cancer, bronchial illness, accidents, physical and psychological addiction, adverse effects on male/female reproduction.