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People can inhale spray paint and use it as a drug.

There are many other drugs that people use and misuse. Some of the drugs in this website are called "club drugs." They are drugs that you might be likely to find at a nightclub or party. Examples are MDMA, methamphetamine, LSD, GHB, Rohypnol®, and ketamine.

LSD (Acid) is a very strong mood-changing chemical. It is made from an acid that is found on fungus that grows on rye and other grains.

People can take it two ways. It can be a pill that you swallow. It can also be a small piece of paper that is wet with liquid LSD. You put this piece of paper on your tongue.

It makes you see, hear, and feel things that aren't there (hallucinations). You might see bright colors, pretty pictures, or things that scare you. It can cause your heart to beat faster, sleep problems, panic, sweating, and paranoia. For more information about LSD, visit our [Hallucinogens webpage](#).

PCP (Angel Dust) is a pill or powder that people can eat, smoke, or snort up their nose. It was first made in the 1950s to help with pain during surgery. It's no longer used for this purpose because of its bad side effects. It makes people feel like they are in another world. PCP also often makes people feel angry and violent and they often get arrested because of violent behaviors. For more information about PCP, visit our [Hallucinogens webpage](#).

Inhalants are dangerous chemicals that make you feel high when you breathe them in (called huffing, snorting, bagging, or sniffing). Household cleaners, spray cans, glue, and even permanent markers contain these chemicals. Inhalants can make you pass out, stop your heart, stop your breathing, and kill you. For more information about inhalants, visit our [Inhalants webpage](#).

GHB is a liquid or powder that is used for people to fall asleep more easily. However, some people use it to make you pass out. It's called a "date rape" drug because someone can secretly put it in your drink. This means that you can't fight back or defend yourself against someone who wants to have sex with you without permission. For more information about GHB, visit our [Commonly Abused Drug Charts](#).

Rohypnol® (Roofies) is a medicine used to calm someone down or help them sleep. But people also use this as a "date rape" pill because it can make someone not remember what happened for the time right after taking the pill. It can also be put in a drink. Visit our [Commonly Abused Drug Charts](#) for more information.

Ketamine (K, Special K) is a medicine that is used for pain in animals but some humans take it to get high. It can make you feel far away from what's going on around you. It can also make you feel scared and be unpleasant. People usually take it by mouth, snort it up the nose, or inject it (shoot up) with a needle. For more information about Ketamine, visit our [Club Drugs webpage](#).