

# WHAT'S IN A WORD?

Whether you're a parent, family member or health worker, the slang terms used for alcohol and other drugs can be incredibly confusing. There are well over 60 ways that people reference cannabis alone!

New drugs and shifting culture mean that new terms and slang are always emerging. To help cut through the confusion, we've put together a list of common drug names and slang terms used by clients, young people, and community members. This resource is designed to support clearer conversations and help you feel more confident when discussing these issues with others.

Slang terms for drugs can differ depending on the region, state, or country, and the same word may refer to different substances in different places. Some slang can also carry stigma, so it's best to use these terms only in the way the people around you use them.

## TOP TIP!

Ask the person what they call it, or "Oh I haven't heard it called that before" or "I call it gunja, what do you call it?"

## ALCOHOL

A type of organic compound containing a hydroxyl (OH) group bound to a carbon atom. Most people are familiar with ethyl alcohol (ethanol) which is the active ingredient in alcoholic beverages, but alcohol compounds can also be found in cosmetics, household cleaners, pharmaceutical products and industrial products.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

Bevie, Booze, Coldie, Drop, Firewater, Flagon, Frothy, Giggle Juice, Goon, Goonbag, Goonjuice, Grog/Grogg, Hard Stuff, Hooch, Juice, Liquid Courage, Longneck, Moonshine, Nightcap, Party Punch, Plonk, Piss, Poison, Pre's (preload before going out), RTD's (ready to drink), Sauce, Sherbet, Shooter, Sips, Slab, Spirit, Tipple, Vino.

## COCAINE

Made from the leaves of the coca plant (Erythroxylon coca) native to South America. The leaves are harvested and processed with a range of common fuels to produce cocaine liquid form. This is then processed with other chemicals to produce coca paste/base. Combined with bicarbonate soda, it creates a smokeable form of cocaine, 'crack cocaine', not commonly seen in Australia. Coca paste is further processed with hydrochloric acid to produce crystalline cocaine, which is dried to produce cocaine powder.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

8 Ball, Blow, C, Charlie, Coke, Crack, Dust, Freebase, Nose Candy, Pebbles, Percy, Pixie Dust, Powder, Rock, Rocks, Sniff, Snow, Star Dust, Stones, Toot, Wash, White, White Stuff, Zombie Drug.

## CANNABIS

A flowering plant in the Cannabaceae family originating from the continent of Asia. Three main species are recognised, most commonly Cannabis sativa, that contain the active compounds of delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and Cannabinoids (CBD). Can be found as marijuana (leaf form), hashish (resin), hash oil & concentrates.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

420, Ashes, Atshitshi, Aunt Mary, Baby Bhang, Bammy, Blanket, Blaze, Bobo, Bobo Bush, Bomber, Boom, Broccoli, Bud, Bush, Bushies, Bush Weed, Cali, Cheeba, Chop, Chronic, Cripple, Dagga, Dank, Ding, Dinkie Dow, Dona Doobie, Dona Juana, Dope, Flower, Flower Power, Flower Tops, Gasper, Giggle Smoke, Giggle Weed, Good Butt, Good Giggles, Grass, Green, Gunja/Ganja, Hash, Hashish, Head, Hemp, Herb, Hot Stick, Hydros, Jane, Jay, Jolly Green, Jolly Green Giant, Joy Smoke, Joy Stick, Juanita, Keefer, Maryjane, MJ, Mull, Pot, Purple Haze, Reds, Reefer, Roach, Shisha Hooch, Sinsemilla, Skunk, Smoke, Spin, Spliff/Joint/Blunt (ready rolled), Trees, Weed, Yarndi/Yandi, Za/Zaza.

Holyoake delivers alcohol, drug and mental health prevention and treatment services for individuals, families and communities across WA. Services include one-on-one counselling for individuals and families of all ages, peer support groups and community-led AOD, mental health and suicide prevention initiatives. All services and programs are delivered with care and without judgement.

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## HEROIN

Heroin belongs to the opiate group of drugs, natural products of the opium poppy. Poppy pods contain a milky substance that is dried to create opium. Further processing produces codeine, morphine & acetyl-morphine (heroin). Found in multiple forms including 'black tar' (smokeable form, not common in Australia), white, beige or brown powder (injectable form). Commonly sold mixed/cut with other additives.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

Black, Black Eagle, Black Pearl, Black Stuff, **Black Tar**, Boy, Brown, Brown Crystal, Brown Rhine, Brown Smack, Brown Tape, **China White**, **Chinese H**, **Dope**, Downtown, **Dragon**, **Dr Harry**, **Gear**, **H**, **Hammer**, **Harry**, He, **Homebake**, **Horse**, **Junk**, Mexican Brown, Mexican Mud, Mexican Horse, Mud, Number 3, Number 4, Number 8, Sack, Scat, Skag, Skunk, **Smack**, Snow, Snowball, Sugar, The Dragon, White, White Boy, **White Dynamite**, White Girl, White Horse, White Lady, White Nurse, White Stuff.

NOTE - Chiva, Mexican Black Tar & Mexican Tar are common names specifically for Black Tar Heroin.

## FENTANYL

Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid approximately 100 times stronger than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin. Used safely & effectively in medical settings as a prescription opioid (liquid, pill, soluble, patch form) but often diverted for the illicit drug market and mixed with other drugs, including heroin, cocaine & methamphetamine.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

Actiq, Apache, China Girl, China White, Dance Fever, Duragesic/Durogesic, **Fake Oxy**, **Fanta**, **Fent**, **Fetty**, Friend, **Goodfella**, **Jackpot**, Murder 8, **Patch**, Tango and Cash, **Serial Killer** (US/Canada), **Street Oxy**, TNT.

## KETAMINE

A synthetic short-acting anaesthetic used in medical and veterinary practice. Typically found in white/beige powder form to be ingested, shelved/shafted, but may be found in liquid or pill form.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

Blind Squid, **CanKet**, Cat Valium, **Designer K**, **Fake K**, Green, Green K, Honey Oil, Horse Trank, Jet, **K**, Kay, **Ket**, **Ketters**, K-Hold, **K-Hole**, **Kit-Kat**, **Kitty**, **Kitty-Ketty**, **MXE** (very common name in Australia), Purple, **Special K**, Special La Coke, Super Acid, **Super K**, Tranq/Trank, Vitamin K.

## SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS

A synthetic, man-made substance made to mimic THC effects. Commonly mixed with solvents and sprayed onto leaf/plant matter to mimic the look of cannabis and to provide a smokeable form. Can be ingested through food, drink or edible products, or used in a liquid form in vapes/e-cigarettes.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

Black Mamba, Bliss, Bombay Blue, **Cloud 9**, Designer Weed, **Fake Grass/Weed**, Fire, Genie, **Herbals**, Incense, Joker, **K2**, K2 Drug, K3 Drug, Kush, Kronik, Legal Highs, Legals, Moon Rocks, Nice Guy, No More Mr Nice Guy, **Scooby Snax**, Skunk, Solar Flare, **Spice**, **Synnies**, Synthetics, Yandi/Yarndi, Yucatan, Zambi, Zohai.

## MDMA

MDMA (3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine) is a synthetic drug often used at festivals, parties & nightclubs. MDMA is commonly seen in capsule or tablet form, but also in crystalline or powder form. Is often mixed with other drugs & 'fillers' so very difficult to know what reactions to expect. MDMA can be used effectively in some therapeutic treatment settings.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

Adam, Beans, **Bikkies/Biccies**, Candy, Candy Flip, Caps, Clarity, Dancing Shoes, Disco Biscuits, **E**, E-Bomb, Eccies, **Ecstasy**, Egg Rolls, Eve, **Ex**, Happy Pills, Go, Hug, Hug Drug, Love Drug, Lover's Speed, Malcolm, Malcolm X, **Molly**, Moon Rocks, Peace, **Pingers**, Rolls, Scooby Snacks, Smartees, STP, The Vowel, Triple Stacks, Uppers, Vitamin E, Vitamin X, Vowel, E, X, XTC.

## METHAMPHETAMINE

Methamphetamine is a synthetic drug and an amphetamine derivative. Methamphetamine is found in three forms of differing purity, commonly known as speed, base & ice. Speed is usually found as a powder or in tablet form. Base is an oily substance not commonly used in Australia. Ice crystals or powder are the purest forms found in Australia.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

Chalk, Christina, Clouds, Cookies, Cotton Candy, Crack, Crank, Cream, Crissy, Cristy, **Crystal**, Crystal Meth, Dunk, Fire, Gak, Garbage, **Gear**, **Glass**, Go, Goey, Go Fast, Go-Go Juice, **Ice**, **Meth**, No Doze, No Stop, Pips, Pixie Dust, Pookie, Puff, **Rock**, Rocket Fuel, Scooby Snacks, **Shabu**, **Shards**, **Speed**, Tina, Trash, Tweek, Uptown, Wash, White Cross, Whizz.

## GHB

GHB (Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate) is a synthetic drug first developed for use as an anaesthetic. More recently, it has been associated with nightclub and rave scenes. Usually found as a liquid sold in vials, bottles or fish-shaped soy sauce containers. Less often found in powder, pill or tablets forms. GBL (Gamma Butyrolactone) and 1,4-BD (1,4-Butanediol) are closely related to GHB and also commonly used in Australia.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

1,4-BD, Date Rape Drug, Fanta, **Fantasy**, Fishies, **G**, GBL, Geeb, Georgia Home Boy, Gina, Goop, **Grievous Bodily Harm**, Juice, **Liquid Ecstasy**, **Liquid Ex**, Liquid X, Scoop, Soap.

## VAPE LIQUID

A liquid solution in e-cigarettes, also known as vapes, that deliver an aerosol by heating a liquid in the canister. The main ingredient of vape liquid is propylene glycol, vegetable glycerine or glycerol. Many vapes also contain nicotine, flavourings and a range of other potentially harmful chemical contaminants. Other drugs including cannabis, methamphetamine, MDMA and heroin have been used in vaping devices.

### ALSO KNOWN AS :

ADV, BIDI Stick, Blu, Carts, Choof, Cuvie, Dabs, Drip Tip, E-Cigs, E-Hookah, E-Juice, E-Liquid, E-Pipe, Ghost, Juice, Juul, Mod, Nic Stick, Njoy, Novo, Pens, Puff Bar, Shatter, Smoke Juice, Tank, Vape Juice, Vape Stick, Vaper, Vooping, Vuse, Wop, Wop Machine.

**Please note:** This article does not provide an exhaustive list of Alcohol and other Drug references.