

common questions

What are predatory drugs?

Also known as predatory drugs, date rape drugs are chemical substances used for the purpose of rendering a victim passive, submissive, unwilling or unable to resist unwanted sexual advances.

What are the most common predatory drugs?

Of the well-known predatory drugs (GHB, Rohypnol, Ketamine, and alcohol), the most commonly used predatory drug is alcohol.

How will I know if I have been given a predatory drug?

Typically, predatory drugs make people feel like they have consumed a large amount of alcohol. Physical effects mock severe intoxication. Symptoms often include memory loss, inability to keep track of time, disorientation/confusion, drowsiness, and impaired judgment. Extreme physical reactions include nausea, vomiting, black-outs, loss of consciousness, coma or even death. Predatory drugs lower a person's inhibitions, leaving the person unable to react normally or give consent.

If I feel sick and think I have been given a predatory drug, what should I do?

Because some predatory drugs can be deadly if ingested in certain quantities, it is recommended that a person seek help from a medical professional. In the case of a physical or sexual assault, seek medical attention immediately.

What options do I have if I have been physically or sexually assaulted?

Options include seeking medical attention at a hospital, the campus student health resources, or your doctor, going to the police, finding a trusted friend, and/or seeking counseling or support services.

For more answers, contact:

Columbia College
Counseling Services - 573.875.7423
www.ccis.edu/counselingservices

Drury University
Counseling Services - 417.873.7419
www.drury.edu/counseling

Evangel University
Counseling Services/Wellness Center - 417.865.2815, ext. 7222
www.evangel.edu/offices/student-development/counseling-center

Harris-Stowe State University
Office of Counseling Services and Prevention- 314.340.5112

Lincoln University
Student Health Services - 573.681.5476

Maryville University of Saint Louis
Health & Wellness Services - 314.529.9520
www.maryville.edu/studentlife-health.htm

Missouri Southern State University
MSSU Wellness 417.625.9533
www.mssu.edu/wellness

Missouri State University
Taylor Health and Wellness Center - 417.836.4045

Missouri University of Science & Technology
Counseling, Disability Support, and Student Wellness - 573.341.4211
counsel.mst.edu

Missouri Western State University
Counseling Center - 816.271.4327

Northwest Missouri State University
University Wellness Services - 660.562.1348
www.nwmissouri.edu/wellness

Rockhurst University
Counseling Center - 816.501.4275

Saint Louis University
Student Health and Counseling Services - 314.977.2323

Southeast Missouri State University
Counseling and Disability - 573.986.6191
www.semo.edu/SAPE

State Technical College of Missouri
Student Services - 573.897.5110

Truman State University
University Counseling Services - 660.785.4014
ucs.truman.edu

University of Central Missouri
Office of Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention - 660.543.8338
www.ucmo.edu/VSAP

University of Missouri
Wellness Resource Center - 573.882.4634
wellness.missouri.edu

University of Missouri-Kansas City
Counseling, Health and Testing - 816.235.1635
www.umkc.edu/chtc

University of Missouri-St. Louis
Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coordinator - 314.516.6369
www.umsl.edu/swbs

Westminster College
Counseling & Health Services - 573.592.5361
www.westminster-mo.edu/studentlife/chs

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*"I woke up
and couldn't remember
anything from the night before.
Everything seemed like
it wasn't real."*

*"I remember having a drink
and then I felt
really drunk...
I only had one,
but it felt like I had 10."*

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Date Rape Drugs, or Predatory Drugs, such as GHB, Rohypnol, Ecstasy, and Ketamine can be slipped into your drink causing severe intoxication, blackouts, and impaired judgment.

If you suspect this has happened to you or a friend, it is important to get help immediately.

GHB

Street names: Grievous bodily harm, G, Liquid ecstasy, Georgia home boy, Easy lay, Gamma 10, Soap, Scoop, Salty water, G-riffick, Cherry meth, Gantasy, Organic Quaalude, Zonked.

Effects: Produces intoxication followed by deep sedation. Effects begin 10-20 minutes after the drug is taken and typically last up to four hours depending on the dosage. GHB leaves the body extremely quickly.

Physical Reactions: Can include nausea, vomiting, delusions, depression, vertigo, visual disturbances, seizures, respiratory distress, loss of consciousness, amnesia, coma or even death. Overdose can happen quickly and warning signs are similar to those of other sedatives.

Rohypnol

Street names: Roofies, Roche (Ro-shay), Forget-me pill, Run-trip-and-fall, R-2, Mexican Valium, Rib, and Roach.

Effects: User may feel intoxicated, then sleepy, a feeling that may last eight to twelve hours. Users may exhibit slurred speech, impaired judgment and difficulty walking.

Physical Reactions: Can include temporary amnesia (individuals may not remember events they experienced while under the effects of the drug), decreased blood pressure, dizziness, confusion, gastrointestinal disturbances, or urinary infection.

Ketamine

Street names: Special K, K, vitamin K, Cat valium, Super K, New ecstasy, Psychedelic heroin.

Effects: Sense of time and identity may be lost. This state can last from 30 minutes to two hours.

Physical Reactions: Can include delirium, amnesia, impaired motor function, high blood pressure, depression, recurrent flashbacks, or potentially fatal respiratory problems.

There are a few helpful hints to help reduce harm

- Watch how much you are drinking. In many cases, alcohol may have been the overdosed drug, not GHB or Rohypnol.
- When you are at a bar or party, always watch your drink being poured.
- Do not put your drink down and return to it- if you do, get a new drink.
- Carry cab money and the phone number of a trusted friend.
- Do not accept drinks from common containers.

helping your friends

- Use a designated driver who has had no alcohol to drink.
- Know the alcohol tolerances of your friends.
- Check in on your friends periodically.
- Let your friends know where you'll be at the party/bar if they need you.
- Keep an eye on your friends' drinks if possible.
- Know the effects of date-rape drugs and watch for symptoms of drugging in your friends.

If you feel you or a friend have been drugged, find a friend or bar/restaurant staff to help, try to keep a sample of the suspect beverage, and get tested immediately. If possible, do not wait until the morning to receive testing. Since GHB, a common date rape drug, leaves the body very quickly, time is of the essence.

did you know?

Alcohol is the #1 predatory drug because it is easy to get and low cost.