

Recreational Drugs

- Let's go through the chart
- Please share stories about yourself, your friends, your “friends”, your family, movies you have seen, and books you have read. Don't be shy, just anonymize the story.
- Please ask questions

Recreational Drugs Chart

- Read chart
- Share
- Ask questions

Recreational drugs

Other recreational drugs:

- *Salvia divinorum* – Mechanism: probably a κ opioid receptor agonist. Effects: convincing, enveloping hallucinations, strange emotions, thoughts, and sensations, strong emotions.
- *Amanita muscaria* – Mechanism: GABA_A agonist (like benzodiazepines and barbiturates). Effects: Less vivid hallucinations, perceptual changes, somewhat sedating.

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Other recreational drugs:

- Nicotine – Mechanism: nicotinic ACh receptor agonist. Effects: energy, clearer thought and memory, sometimes experienced as relaxing, especially by people who already have an addiction.
- Caffeine – Mechanism: adenosine receptor antagonist, inhibits the phosphodiesterase which breaks down cAMP. Effects: energy, wakefulness, alertness, concentration, headache relief.

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Other recreational drugs:

- Methaqualone (Quaalude, Sopor), thalidomide, meprobamate (Milltown), carisoprodol (Soma), glutethimide, chloral hydrate (knockout drops, Micky), ethchlorvynol (Placidyl), methyprylon, primidone – Mechanism: GABA_A agonism. Effects: Relaxation, euphoria.
- Muscle relaxants (cyclobenzaprine) – Mechanism: various. Effects: Relaxation, euphoria.

Good, authentic movies with drugs

- Blow
- Go
- Trainspotting
- Goodfellas
- Basketball Diaries
- Drugstore Cowboy
- Ray
- Leaving Las Vegas
- Less Than Zero
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Spoiler alert!

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- Cocaine
- Ecstasy
- Heroin
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- Heroin
- Prescription opioids
- Heroin
- Alcohol
- Crack cocaine
- Methamphetamine

Good movies, inauthentic drug use

- Pulp Fiction
- Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
- The Big Lebowski
- Boogie Nights
- Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle
- Dude, Where's My Car

Terrible movie, horribly inauthentic
drug use:

- Requiem for a Dream

Discussion: Drug Laws

What do you know about drug laws?

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Should marijuana be legal?

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Should marijuana possession just warrant a ticket,
like it does now in Massachusetts?

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Should medical marijuana be legal?

Discussion: Drug Laws

Agonist substitution?
Methadone clinics?
Heroin clinics?

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Should salvia be illegal?

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Should alcohol be illegal?

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Should we lower the drinking age to 18?

Discussion: Drug Laws

Is it good that we keep pseudoephedrine cold medicines behind the counter?

Discussion: Drug Laws

Should there be any legal access at all to mind-expanding or recreational drugs, like psychedelics?
What about heroin?

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