

rape drugs

get the facts

The presence of predator drugs (more commonly known as rape drugs) is creating a growing concern on campuses and in communities across the country. These drugs are sometimes used to involuntarily sedate someone so that they are unable to defend themselves against sexual assault. Victims are often unable to remember what happened to them. The three drugs most commonly used in date or acquaintance rape are:

Rohypnol

- Rohypnol is also known as Roofies, Rope, Ruffies, R2, Ruffles, Roche and the Forget-Pill.
- It is a potent tranquilizer which produces a sedative effect, amnesia, muscle relaxation, and slowing of psychomotor response. Other effects may include blackouts, with a complete loss of memory, dizziness, disorientation, nausea, difficulty with movements and speaking.
- There is no currently accepted medical use for Rohypnol in the United States.
- Rohypnol is odorless and tasteless. Sometimes it bubbles when it dissolves and discolors drinks, but sometimes it dissolves without traces. Although, since 1997, the manufacturer of Rohypnol has placed a blue dye in every pill, which is most visible in light colored drinks.
- It takes effect approximately 10 - 20 minutes after ingestion.
- Rohypnol can be added to any liquid (effect lasting 2-8 hours) but when added to alcohol it reduces inhibition and creates amnesia (effect lasting 8 - 24 hours).
- Rohypnol can be detected in the blood for 24 hours and in the urine for 48 hours.
- Some individuals use Rohypnol as an alcohol extender for a rapid and dramatic high. This is something to watch for in social settings if individuals seem extremely intoxicated after consuming only a small amount of alcohol.

Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB)

- GHB is also known as GHB, Liquid Extacy, Liquid X, Scoop and Easy Lay.
- GHB is an odorless, colorless, liquid depressant with anesthetic qualities.
- It is also used as an amino acid by bodybuilders.
- GHB is usually distributed as a sodium salt in powder or tablet form commonly dissolved in water.
- This drug tends to affect everyone differently, but most commonly it gives a feeling of relaxation, tranquility and loss of social inhibitions.
- GHB is often used with other drugs, including Ecstasy (or "X"), which makes it difficult to tell whether effects are directly related to the GHB use or its reaction to other substances.
- The drug takes effect 10 - 15 minutes after ingestion and lasts 2 - 3 hours unless combined with alcohol, where effects may last 20 - 30 hours. Large doses can induce sudden sleep within 5 - 10 minutes.

Ketamine Hydrochloride (Ketamine)

- Ketamine is also known as K, Special K, Vitamin K and Ket.
- Ketamine is a new drug that has been added to the date rape or predator drug category. It is a powerful anesthetic used as an animal tranquilizer.
- It is available in liquid, powder or pill form.
- Ketamine causes hallucinations, amnesia and dissociation (a feeling where the mind seems separated from the body.)

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