

SIGNS OF INTOXICATION/UNDER THE INFLUENCE

As parents, it is important to be vigilant and aware of signs indicating an individual is intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances. Early detection can lead to timely intervention and support for your child.



ALCOHOL

- A strong smell of alcohol on breath or clothing
- Slurred speech and impaired coordination
- Impaired judgment and decision-making
- Bloodshot or watery eyes

MARIJUANA

- Bloodshot eyes
- Distinctive odor of marijuana on clothing or breath
- Delayed reaction times and impaired memory
- Increased appetite ("munchies")



STIMULANTS (COCAINE, METH)

- Excessive energy and talkativeness
- Dilated pupils
- Rapid heart rate and elevated blood pressure
- Agitation, paranoia, and anxiety

OPIOIDS (HERION, FENTYNAL, OXY)

- Drowsiness or nodding off
- Constricted pupils
- Slow or shallow breathing
- Flushed or pale skin



HALLUCINOGENS

- Distorted perceptions of reality
- Hallucinations and intense mood swings
- Rapid emotional shifts
- Confusion and difficulty communicating



SIGNS OF STUDENT INTOXICATION

While specific substances can cause unique effects, there are some general signs that a person might be intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance:



CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR:

- Drastic shifts in mood or demeanor
- Excessive laughter, agitation, or aggression
- Unusual levels of energy or extreme lethargy

PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS:

- Bloodshot or glazed eyes
- Dilated or constricted pupils
- Slurred speech or difficulty in articulating words
- Impaired coordination or balance
- Frequent trips to the restroom (to use drugs or hide evidence)



CHANGES IN APPEARANCE:

- Disheveled clothing or personal grooming
- Rapid weight loss or gain
- Neglected hygiene



Note: It's crucial to involve trained professionals, and possibly even local law enforcement when dealing with suspected cases of substance use.

Recognizing signs of intoxication or substance influence is important. By being familiar with these signs and approaching the situation with care and sensitivity, parents can provide necessary support and intervention for a child who may be struggling. Remember to involve appropriate professionals and resources when addressing suspected substance use cases. Your efforts can positively impact your child's life and help ensure a safe, positive, and prosperous future.