

# DRUG ADDICTION

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- Drug addiction, also known as substance use disorder, is a chronic and often relapsing condition characterized by the compulsive use of drugs despite harmful consequences. It involves a psychological and physical dependence on a substance, leading to changes in brain function that affect behavior, decision-making, and self-control.





# TYPES OF DRUG

LEGAL

ILLEGAL



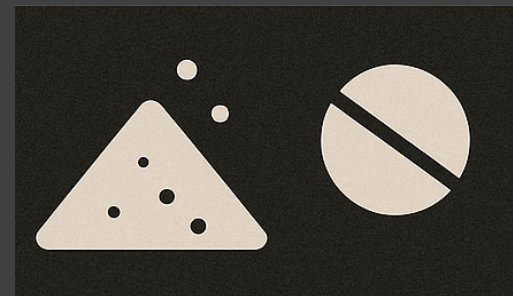
TOBACCO

ECSTASY



ALCOHOL

COCAINE,  
CANNABIS





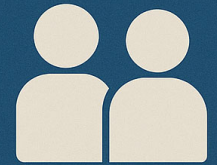
Over time, the body may develop tolerance, requiring larger amounts of the drug to achieve the same effect, and withdrawal symptoms may occur when drug use is reduced or stopped.

Drug addiction can ...

**IMPACT EVERY ASPECT OF  
A PERSON'S LIFE, INCLUDING  
THEIR HEALTH,  
RELATIONSHIPS, WORK,  
AND LEGAL STATUS**



**HEALTH**



**RELATIONSHIPS**



**WORK**



**LEGAL STATUS**

# Physical Health Consequences

- Organ damage (liver, lungs, brain)
- Increased risk of infectious diseases (HIV, hepatitis)
- Overdose



# Mental Health Consequences

- Depression, anxiety, paranoia
- Psychosis and cognitive decline
- Risk of suicide





# Social Consequences



- Strained family relationships
- Social isolation
- Domestic violence and crime involvement
- Job loss
- Homelessness

# Legal Consequences

Criminal records

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Incarceration

Loss of rights or privileges (e.g., driving license)



## **Economic Consequences**

Unemployment and job  
loss

Increased healthcare  
costs

Financial ruin and poverty

# Impact on Society

Burden on healthcare and law enforcement

Loss of productivity

Impact on future generations



# Conclusion

Drug abuse casts a long shadow over individuals, families, and entire communities. Its consequences are far-reaching—leading to broken homes, increased crime, deteriorating health, lost productivity, and overwhelming pressure on healthcare and justice systems. It's not just a personal issue; it's a societal crisis that affects us all.

**But there is hope.**

## Call to Action

We must respond not with judgment, but with **awareness, compassion, and commitment to support recovery.**

- **Raise awareness** about the dangers of drug use and the realities of addiction.
- **Foster compassion** by understanding addiction as a health issue, not a moral failing.
- **Support recovery** through better access to mental health services, rehabilitation programs, and community outreach.
- **Together, we can build a society that uplifts rather than isolates - where healing is possible and every life has value.**



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