

GHB



What are the street names/slang terms for it?

G, Georgia Home Boy, Grievous Bodily Harm, Liquid Ecstasy

What is it?

GHB is predominantly a central nervous system depressant.

What does it look like?

GHB can be produced in clear liquid, white powder, tablet, and capsule forms. It is colorless and odorless. GHB has a salty taste; however it is often diluted in liquids and virtually undetectable. GHB is often manufactured in homes with recipes and kits found and purchased on the Internet.

How is it used?

In powder form, measuring a dose is fairly straightforward. In liquid form, GHB comes in a wide variety of concentrations with a single dose ranging from a few drops to a full glass.

What are its short-term effects?

At lower doses, GHB can relieve anxiety and produce relaxation. Combining use with other drugs such as alcohol can result in nausea and difficulty breathing. GHB may also produce withdrawal effects, including insomnia, anxiety, tremors, and sweating.

What are its long-term effects?

As the dose increases, the sedative effects may result in sleep and eventual coma or death. GHB has reportedly been used in cases of date rape. Because GHB is odorless and tasteless, it can be slipped into someone's drink without detection.

What is its federal classification?

GHB was put in the Schedule I category in 2000.