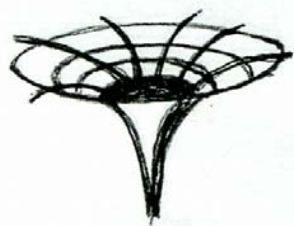


Using Heroin

- Destroys body, mind and spirit
- Exposes users daily to a violent and dangerous world.
- Becomes an all-consuming habit that is often funded by illegal activity
- Becomes an obsession, a Black Hole



With heroin, there is no such thing as recreational use.

Ask yourself:
Why do dealers give away free samples?

Know anyone who is using or thinking of using?

Give them this brochure.

Get help.



For Information:

www.drugfreeaz.com

Call Infoline: 211
HopeWorks
(860) 561-1175, ext. 711

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Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
(800) 627-3543

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Facts About Heroin

a.k.a. "opium",
"smack", "dope",
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Heroin

✗ It does not matter whether one smokes, snorts or injects, heroin rapidly leads to addiction.

✗ Heroin causes extreme mood swings.

✗ Users quickly become obsessed with getting high and frantic about any delay.

✗ Results in physical dependence.
Using becomes necessary to normal functioning, like getting out of bed.

✗ Causes users to lose energy, ambition and goals.

✗ Rapidly requires more and more to get high. Once addicted, everything else becomes unimportant

DON'T FOOL YOURSELF,
YOU CAN'T DO IT ONCE

Health Consequences of Heroin Use



⊕ Use of needles will cause scarring and infections that lead to dangerous welting under the skin. These must be surgically sliced opened and the pus drained out.

⊕ Infectious diseases, like Hepatitis, HIV, AIDS, T.B.

⊕ Collapsed veins

⊕ Due to poor nutrition, muscles, bones, teeth, hair, and digestion are severely damaged.

⊕ Heroin use weakens the liver, kidneys, lungs and brain making one vulnerable to deadly infections.

⊕ Impurities in heroin cause clotting in the heart.

✦ Fatal Overdose:

Did you know. . .

Heroin is frequently laced with unknown, dangerous chemicals? Dosage is uncertain so users are always in danger of an overdose!

Heroin depresses the central nervous system, slowing down the heart rate and body temperature. 50% of heroin overdose autopsies report finding alcohol in the body as well as heroin. 25% report benzodiazepines, such as *clonopin* and *zanax*, are also present (all are depressants of the central nervous system).



✦ Withdrawal - Symptoms include insomnia, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, sweats, extreme flu symptoms, anxiety, irritability in one's own skin, muscle and bone aches.

95% of heroin addicts never recover - They die.