

# Penalties

## CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION

Buprenorphine, BZP & TFMPP, Cannabis, Cocaine, 'Ecstasy', Heroin, Ketamine, Lysergide (LSD), Mephedrone, Methamphetamine, Nimetazepam

- Up to 10 years of imprisonment or S\$20,000 fine or both

**NOTE:**  
**For consumption of Heroin, Methamphetamine, 'Ecstasy', Ketamine, Cocaine, Cannabis, Nimetazepam and Buprenorphine**

- DRC treatment for first and second time abusers. Long term imprisonment and caning for third and subsequent time abusers

## ILLEGAL TRAFFIC

Nimetazepam

- Up to 10 years of imprisonment and 5 strokes of the cane

Buprenorphine, BZP & TFMPP, 'Ecstasy', Ketamine, Lysergide (LSD), Mephedrone

- Up to 20 years of imprisonment and 15 strokes of the cane

Cannabis, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamine

- Maximum is death penalty (if amount trafficked exceeds the limit stipulated in the law)

## ILLEGAL IMPORT OR EXPORT

Nimetazepam

- Up to 20 years of imprisonment and 15 strokes of the cane

Buprenorphine, BZP & TFMPP, 'Ecstasy', Ketamine, Lysergide (LSD), Mephedrone

- Up to 30 years of imprisonment or life imprisonment and 15 strokes of the cane

Heroin, Cannabis, Cocaine, Methamphetamine

- Maximum is death penalty (if amount trafficked exceeds the limit stipulated in the law)

## INHALANT OFFENCES

Abuse of intoxicating substances

- Admission to an approved centre for treatment and rehabilitation for up to 6 months OR
- Up to 6 months of imprisonment or S\$2,000 fine or BOTH

Selling or offering to sell an intoxicating substance when it is suspected that the substance is for the purpose of intoxication

- Up to 2 years of imprisonment or S\$5,000 fine or BOTH

# Tell-Tale Signs of Drug Abuse

- Redness of eyes
- Constant runny nose and teary eyes
- Sudden mood changes
- Unexplained absenteeism
- Change in personal behavior
- Listlessness and lack of energy
- Anti-social behavior
- Anxiety
- Nausea
- Loss of appetite

For more information, please visit [www.cnb.gov.sg](http://www.cnb.gov.sg).

## Helplines

**Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB)**  
 Tel: 1800 325 6666 • 24 hours daily  
 For those who wish to report any drug-related cases

**Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA)**  
 Tel: 1800 733 4444 • Mon – Fri: 8.30am – 6.00pm  
 For drug abusers, their families and the general public

**SOS (Samaritans of Singapore)**  
 Tel: 1800 221 4444 • 24 hours daily  
 For anyone in crisis or suicidal

**National Addictions Management Service (NAMS)**  
 Tel: 6732 6837 • Mon – Fri: 8.30am – 6.00pm  
 For anyone who wishes to seek help with their addictions

**WE CARE Community Services Ltd**  
 Tel: 6471 5346 • Mon – Fri: 9.00am – 6.00pm  
 For individuals and families who need help with addictions



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# What you need to know about Drugs & Inhalants



**Withdrawal Symptoms**

- Anxiety, depression, anger and jittery feelings
- Fatigue (extreme tiredness)
- Nausea and vomiting
- Loss of desire to do things

**Effects and Dangers**

- Increased heart rate
- Aggressive behaviour
- Irritability
- Nausea, shaking, blurred vision and hallucination

**Also known as**

- Crack, Coke and Snow

## Cocaine



**Withdrawal Symptoms**

- Moodiness, irritability, anxiety and tension

**Effects and Dangers**

- Inability to concentrate
- Slow reaction
- Distorted thinking and perception
- Poor balance and co-ordination
- Extreme anxiety, depression, confusion and paranoia (irrational fear or suspicion)
- Decline in motivation and drive in long-term users

**Also known as**

- Marijuana, Pot, Grass, Joint, Ganja

## Cannabis



**Withdrawal Symptoms**

- Delirium tremens, clouding of consciousness and severe tremors or seizures
- Anxiety, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea
- Abdominal cramps, muscle and joint pains
- Insomnia (difficulty in sleeping)

**Effects and Dangers**

- Sedation
- Light-headedness
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Constipation
- Vomiting

**Also known as**

- Subutex, Tec, Susu

## Buprenorphine



The key amendments to the MDA are:

**MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT (MDA) AMENDMENTS**

(a) CNB officers can seize new psychoactive substances listed in a temporary schedule, so that their circulation can be restricted. Once it has been determined that there are no licit uses for these substances, they will be listed in the permanent schedule.

(b) Law enforcement officers are empowered to obtain hair samples. The results may be used as a consideration for the Director of CNB to issue a supervision order or review the conditions of an existing order. This will complement the current framework for urine testing.

(c) Repeat traffickers and those who traffic drugs to young or vulnerable persons will face stiffer punishments. Stiffer punishments will also apply for those who recruit young or vulnerable persons to commit drug trafficking or importation/exportation offences. It is also illegal to organise gatherings where drugs are abused. The organiser will be liable for aggravated punishments if such gatherings involve young or vulnerable persons.

(d) With effect from 1 Jan 2013, the court will have the discretion to decide whether to impose a sentence of life imprisonment and caning, in place of the death sentence for drug trafficking or importation/exportation, if the following two specific conditions are both met:

- First, the offender must prove that his role in the offence is restricted only to that of a courier and must not have been involved in any other activity related to the supply or distribution of drugs.
- Second, if having satisfied this first requirement, the offender has substantively assisted CNB in disrupting drug trafficking activities within or outside Singapore, or the offender must prove that he is suffering from such abnormality of mind that it substantially impaired his responsibility for his actions.



## 'Ecstasy'

### Also known as

- E, Adam, XTC, Pink, Pink Lady, Snow White

### Effects and Dangers

- Increased heart rate and blood pressure
- Jaw clenching, teeth grinding and uncontrollable shaking
- Kidney, liver and brain damage
- Long term memory loss
- Chills, sweating and vomiting
- Inability to think, see and co-ordinate properly
- Hallucination

### Withdrawal Symptoms

- Anxiety, depression and uncontrollable fear
- Insomnia (difficulty in sleeping)
- Loss of control of senses and reality



## Heroin

### Also known as

- White, Smack, Junk, Powder, Putih, Medicine, Ubat

### Effects and Dangers

- Lowered heart rate and respiration
- Damage to lungs, kidneys and liver
- Dull feeling and tiredness
- Difficulty in concentrating
- Constipation

### Withdrawal Symptoms

- Insomnia (difficulty in sleeping)
- Watery eyes and runny nose
- Irritable and jittery feelings
- Tremors and bodily cramps
- Chills and sweating
- Diarrhoea and vomiting



## Ketamine

### Also known as

- K, Special K, Vitamin K, Kit Kat

### Effects and Dangers

- Inability to move
- Distorted judgement, perception, hearing, sight, touch, smell and taste
- Confusion and hallucination
- Problems associated with the nose (nose bleeding, inability to smell properly)
- Gastric pain
- Urinary and bladder problems (difficulty in urinating, urinary tract infection)

### Withdrawal Symptoms

- Depression, anger and irritability
- Fatigue (extreme tiredness)
- Insomnia (difficulty in sleeping)



## Lysergide (LSD)

### Also known as

- Acid, Trips, Blotters, Tabs, Stamp, Black Sesame, Seed, Micro, Micro Dot

### Effects and Dangers

- Increased heart rate, breathing and body temperature
- Numbness
- Distorted sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste
- Loss of control of thoughts
- Severe panic, paranoia, confusion and hallucination



## Methamphetamine

### Also known as

- 'Ice', Glass, Crystal, Speed, 'Ya ba'

### Effects and Dangers

- Increased heart rate and body temperature
- Fits, stroke and death
- Damage to heart and nerves
- Liver and kidney diseases
- Abnormal behaviour with mood swings, confusion, delusion and hallucination
- Anxiety and irritability

### Withdrawal Symptoms

- Extreme tiredness and hunger
- Anxiety, depression and irritability
- Insomnia (difficulty in sleeping)



## Nimetazepam

### Also known as

- 'Erimin-5'

### Effects and Dangers

- Loss of consciousness
- Distorted judgement, sight and thinking
- Difficulty in speaking, moving and co-ordinating bodily functions
- Poor memory and concentration

### Withdrawal Symptoms

- Anxiety and jittery feelings
- Insomnia (difficulty in sleeping)
- Nausea, vomiting, quickened heart beat, excessive sweating, violent shaking and stomach cramps
- Mental confusion
- Fits



## BZP and TFMPP

### Also known as

- Party Pills

### Effects and Dangers

- Seizures
- Vomiting
- Heavy sweating
- Increased body temperature
- Increased heart rate
- Agitation

### Withdrawal Symptoms

- Depression, anger and irritability
- Fatigue (extreme tiredness)
- Insomnia (difficulty in sleeping)

## Mephedrone

### Also known as

- Bubbles, Mcat, Snow and Meow

### Effects and Dangers

- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Chills
- Teeth grinding
- Insomnia
- Hallucinations



## Inhalants

### Also known as

- Glue-Sniffing, Solvent Abuse, Solvent Inhalation, Solvent Sniffing / Stim Gum

### Effects and Dangers

- Permanent damage to brain, liver and kidneys
- Prone to bleeding and bruises
- Memory loss
- Difficulty in learning and seeing things clearly
- Loss of control of body
- Cramps, pains and bad cough

### Withdrawal Symptoms

- Anxiety, depression and irritability
- Aggressive behaviour
- Dizziness, shaking and nausea
- Insomnia (difficulty in sleeping)