Insider’s Guide to The Club Drug Scene

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Overview

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Presenter’s Background

• Retired USAF Colonel & OSI Special Agent
• 25+ year career in federal law enforcement
• 13 PCS moves
• Commanded 5 units, incl wing
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Club & Rave Party Scene

Chicago

St. Louis
Club & Rave Party Scene

Seattle

San Francisco
Club & Rave Party Scene

• Today’s “disco” phenomenon
• Originated in England
• Attendees vary, even by location
Club & Rave Party Scene

- Drugs “enhance” the rave experience & music
- Vick’s Vapo-Rub and Inhalers
- Pacifiers
- Club drug dangers
Club Drug Trends

Emergency room treatments for various Club Drugs in the 90s
Emergency room treatments for various Club Drugs in the current decade
The Club Drugs

• Ecstasy/MDMA
• Gamma Hydroxybutyrate (GHB)
• Ketamine
• Rohypnol
• Methamphetamine
• LSD
The Club Drugs: MDMA

- MDMA (3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine) (Ecstasy, XTC, E, X, and Adam)
- No accepted medical use in the US
- Significant long-term health risks
- Effects range from positive feelings to anxiety, paranoia
The Club Drugs: MDMA
The Club Drugs: GHB

• GHB (Gamma Hydroxybutyrate) (Liquid Ecstasy, Soap, Easy Lay, Georgia Home Boy, Grievous Bodily Harm, Liquid X, and Goop)

• Central nervous system depressant

• Easily made at home from legal chemicals

• Like Rohypnol, GHB is often called a date rape drug
The Club Drugs: GHB
The Club Drugs: Ketamine

• Ketamine (K, Special K, and Cat Valium)
• Manufactured as a general anesthetic for human and veterinary use
• Liquid form can be injected
• Powder form can be put in drinks, smoked, or injected
The Club Drugs: Ketamine
The Club Drugs: Rohypnol

• Rohypnol (Flunitrazepam) (Roofies, Rophies, Roche, Forget-me Pill, Circles, Mexican Valium, Rib, Roach-2, Roopies, Rope, Ropies, Ruffies, and Roaches)

• Most common among the date rape drugs

• Not legal in the US, but still sold in Latin America and Europe

• Typically smuggled into the US via the mail
The Club Drugs: Rohypnol
The Club Drugs: Methamphetamine

• Methamphetamine (Speed, Ice, Chalk, Meth, Crystal, Crank, Fire, and Glass)

• Poor-man’s cocaine, alternative to MDMA

• Prevalent in West, Southwest & Midwest USA

• Clandestine labs in Mexico & CA, but also commonly homemade
The Club Drugs: Methamphetamine
The Club Drugs: LSD

- LSD (d-lysergic acid diethylamide) (Acid, Boomers, Yellow Sunshines, Cid, Doses, and Trips)
- Relatively low cost
- Hallucinations, panic, confusion, etc.
The Club Drugs: LSD
Future Outlook

- MDMA/Ecstasy surging in use
- Seizures of smuggled tablets increases each year
- Driven by desire as well as cost/profit
- Old stand-bys will always be there (LSD, ketamine)
- Associated crimes only exacerbate the problem
- Presents security risks because of smuggling & potential for “narco-terrorism” exploitation
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