



LACKAWANNA

RECOVERY COALITION

Working Together To Save Lives

Drug Slang and Terminology

A

Abe:	\$5 worth of a drug
Abe's cabc:	\$5 bill
Ad:	addict
Agonies:	withdrawal symptoms
AIP:	heroin (from Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan)
All lit up:	under the influence of a drug
All star:	user of multiple drugs
Antifreeze:	heroin
Aries:	heroin
Atom bomb:	marijuana mixed with heroin
Aunt Hazel:	heroin
Author:	a doctor who writes illegal prescriptions

B

Babe:	drug used for detoxification
Baby habit:	occasional use of drugs
Babysit:	to guide someone through a drug experience
Back to back:	smoking crack after injecting heroin, or vice versa
Backtrack:	allowing blood to flow back into the needle during injection
Backup:	to prepare a vein for injection
Bad bundle:	heroin (low quality)
Bad go:	bad reaction to a drug
Bad seed:	Peyote; heroin; cannabis
Bag man:	person who transports money
Balloon:	heroin supplier
Ballot:	heroin
Bang:	to inject a drug

Bart Simpson:	heroin; LSD blotter type
Beast:	heroin plus LSD
Bedbugs:	fellow addicts
Belt:	effects of drugs
Bent:	addicted
Big H:	heroin
Big Harry:	heroin
Bindle:	heroin; small packet of powder
Bing:	enough of a drug for one injection
Bingo:	to inject a drug
Birdie powder:	heroin; cocaine
Biz:	bag or portion of drugs
Black pearl:	heroin
Black stuff:	heroin; opium
Black tar:	heroin
Blanco:	heroin and cocaine (spanish)
Blanks:	low quality drugs
Blasted:	under the influence of drugs
Blitzed:	under the influence of drugs
Blow a fix:	when a heroin injection misses the vein
Blow a shot:	when a heroin injection misses the vein
Blow the vein:	to inject a drug
Body packer:	a person who ingests packets of cocaine, crack or heroin to transport it
Bomb:	crack; heroin; high potency heroin
Bombido:	amphetamine (injectable); heroin; depressant
Bombs away:	heroin
Bonita:	heroin (Spanish)
Boost and shoot:	steal to support a habit
Boot:	to inject a drug
Booted:	under the influence of a drug

Boxed:	in jail
Boy:	cocaine; heroin
Bounceo:	heroin
Brain damage:	heroin
Brick gum:	heroin
Bridge/bring up:	to ready a vein for injection
Brown:	heroin; cannabis
Brown crystal:	heroin
Brown rhine:	heroin
Brown sugar:	heroin
Bundle:	heroin
Bunk:	fake drugs
Burn the main line:	to inject a drug
Burned:	to purchase fake drugs
Burned out:	collapse of veins from repeated injection
Burnout:	a heavy abuser of drugs
Business:	injecting equipment
Busted:	to be arrested
Butu:	heroin
Buzz:	under the influence of drugs

C

Caballo:	heroin (Spanish)
Caca:	heroin
Cad/Cadillac:	1 ounce
Capital H:	heroin
Carga:	heroin (Spanish)
Carne:	heroin (Spanish)
Channel swimmer:	one who injects heroin
Charged up:	under the influence of a drug



Charley:	heroin
Chasing the dragon:	crack mixed with heroin
Chasing the tiger:	to smoke heroin
Check:	personal supply of drugs
Cheese/Cheese heroin:	heroin mixed with Tylenol
Chicle:	heroin (Spanish)
Chieva:	heroin
China cat:	high potency heroin
China white:	heroin plus fentanyl
Chinese red:	heroin
Chip:	heroin
Chipper:	occasional heroin user
Chipping:	using drugs occasionally
Chiva:	heroin (Spanish)
Chocofan:	brown tar heroin (Spanish)
Cigarette paper:	packet of heroin
Clear up:	to stop using drugs
Clocking paper:	profits from selling drugs
Coasting:	under the influence of a drug
Cod:	large amount of money
Cold turkey:	sudden withdrawal from drugs
Connect:	purchase drugs; supplier of illegal drugs
Connection:	supplier of illegal drugs
Cook down:	liquifying heroin in order to inhale it
Cop:	obtain drugs
Copping zones:	specific areas where buyers can purchase drugs
Cotton:	money
Cotton brothers:	cocaine, heroin, & morphine
Cotton fever:	critically high fever associated with accidentally injecting cotton fiber into the bloodstream (generally with heroin)
Courage pills:	heroin ; depressant
Course note:	bill larger than \$2
Crap:	low quality heroin
Crown crap:	heroin
Cura:	heroin (Spanish)
Cut deck:	heroin mixed with powdered milk

D

Dabble:	to use drugs occasionally
Deuce:	\$2 worth of drugs; heroin
Dews:	\$10 worth of drugs
Diesel:	heroin
Dime:	\$10 worth of drugs
Dime's worth:	amount of heroin causing death
Dinosaurs:	populations of heroin users in their forties or fifties
Dirt:	heroin
Disease:	drug of choice
Dog food:	heroin
Doogie:	heroin
Dollar:	\$100 worth of drugs
Dooley:	heroin
Dope:	marijuana; heroin; any other drug
Dragon rock:	mixture of heroin and crack
Dreck:	heroin
Dropper:	to inject a drug
Dub:	\$20 worth of drugs
Duji:	heroin
Dust:	marijuana mixed with various chemicals; cocaine; heroin; PCP
Dusting:	adding PCP, heroin, or another drug to marijuana
Dynamite:	Cocaine mixed with heroin
Dyno:	heroin
Dyno-pure:	heroin

E

Easy score:	obtaining drugs easily
Eating:	taking a drug orally
Eighth:	1/8 ounce of heroin
Elephant:	marijuana; PCP; heroin
Emergency gun:	instrument other than a syringe used to inject
Estuffa:	heroin

F

Factory:	place where drugs are packaged, diluted or manufactured
Fall:	to be arrested
Ferry dust:	heroin
Fifteen cents:	\$15 worth of drugs
Five C note:	\$500 bill
Five cent bag:	\$5 worth of drugs
Five dollar bag:	\$50 worth of drugs
Fix:	to inject a drug; heroin
Flag:	appearance of blood in the vein
Flea powder:	low purity heroin
Foolish powder:	heroin; cocaine
Fuete:	hypodermic needle

G

Galloping horse:	heroin
Gamot:	heroin
Garbage:	inferior quality heroin
Gato:	heroin (spanish)
Gear:	drugs
Geeze:	to inject a narcotic
Geezer:	to inject a drug
Get a gift:	obtain drugs
Get down:	to inject a drug
Get lifted:	under the influence of drugs
Get off:	to inject a drug; get "high"
Get off houses:	private places heroin users can purchase and use heroin for a fee
Get through:	obtain drugs
Gimmicks:	drug injection equipment
Giro houses:	non-bank financial institutions frequently used by drug traffickers to launder drug proceeds
Go into a sewer:	to inject a drug
Golden girl:	heroin
Good and plenty:	heroin
Good H:	heroin



Good lick:	good drugs
Got it going on:	fast sale of drugs
Graduate:	completely stop using drugs or progress to stronger drugs
Gravy:	to inject a drug; heroin
Grease:	money
Green goods:	paper currency
Gun:	to inject a drug; needle
Gutter:	vein into which a drug is injected
Gutter junkie:	addict who relies on others to obtain drugs

H

H:	heroin
H & C:	heroin and cocaine
H Caps:	heroin
Hache:	heroin
Hairy:	heroin
Half G:	\$500
Half load:	15 bags (decks) of heroin
Half piece:	½ ounce of heroin or cocaine
Half-a-C:	\$50 bill
Hand-to-hand:	direct delivery and payment
Hard candy:	heroin
Harry:	heroin
Hazel:	heroin
Heeled:	having plenty of money
Helen:	heroin
Hell dust:	heroin
Henry:	heroin
Hero:	heroin
Hero of the underworld:	heroin
Herone:	heroin
Hessle:	heroin
High:	under the influence of drugs
Him:	heroin
Hit the main line:	to inject a drug
Hit the needle:	to inject a drug

Hit the pit:	to inject a drug
Hitting up:	to inject a drug
Holding:	possessing drugs
Honey:	money
Honeymoon:	early stages of drug use before addiction or dependency develops
Hong-yen:	heroin in pill form
Hook you up:	to get someone drugs
Hooked:	addicted
Hopped up:	under the influence of drugs
Horning:	to inhale cocaine; heroin
Horse:	heroin
Hot dope:	heroin
Hot heroin:	heroin poisoned to give to a police informant
Hot load:	lethal injection of an opiate
Hot shot:	lethal injection of an opiate
House fee:	money paid to enter a crackhouse
HRN:	heroin
Hulling:	using others to get drugs
Hustle:	attempt to obtain drug customers
Hype:	heroin addict; an addict
Hype stick:	hypodermic needle

I

Ice cream habit:	occasional use of drugs
In:	connected with drug suppliers
Isda:	heroin

J

Jab:	to inject a drug
Jack:	steal someone's drugs
Jack-Up:	to inject a drug
Jag:	keep a high going
Jee gee:	heroin

Jive:	heroin; marijuana; any drug
Jive doo jee:	heroin
Jojee:	heroin
Jolly pop:	casual user of heroin
Jolt:	strong reaction to drugs; to inject a drug
Jones:	heroin; a need for more drugs
Jonesing:	need for more drugs
Joy:	heroin
Joy flakes:	heroin
Joy plant:	opium
Joy pop:	to inject a drug
Joy popping:	occasional use of drugs
Joy powder:	heroin; cocaine
Juggle:	sell drugs to another addict to support a habit
Juggler:	teen-aged street dealer
Junk:	heroin; cocaine
Junkie:	addict

K

Kabayo:	heroin
Karachi:	heroin
Kick:	getting off a drug habit; the effects of a drug, especially Amphetamines; inhalant
Kiddie dope:	prescription drugs
Kit:	equipment used to inject drugs

L

Laugh and scratch:	to inject a drug
Lay-out:	equipment for taking drugs
Leaping:	under the influence of drug
Lemonade:	poor quality drugs
Lemonade:	heroin; poor quality drugs



Lettuce:	money
Line:	a single dose for snorting
Lit up:	under the influence of drugs
Loaded:	high
Loused:	covered by sores and abscesses from repeated use of unsterile needles

M

Mainline:	to inject a drug
Mainliner:	person who injects into the vein
Make up:	need to find more drugs
Matsakow:	heroin
Merchandise:	drugs
Mexican mud:	heroin
Midnight oil:	opium
Miss:	to inject a drug
Moonrock:	crack and heroin
Morotgara:	heroin
Mortal combat:	high potency heroin
Mouth worker:	one who takes drugs orally
Mud:	heroin plus opium
Mule:	carrier of drugs
Muzzle:	heroin

N

Nailed:	arrested
Nanoo:	heroin
New Jack Swing:	heroin and morphine
Nice and easy:	heroin
Nickel bag:	\$5 worth of drugs; heroin
Nickel deck:	heroin
Nickel note:	\$5 bill
Nix:	stranger among the group
Nod:	effects of heroin
Noise:	heroin
Number 4:	heroin
Number 8:	heroin

O

OC:	oxycontin
Ocean Cities:	oxycontin
OD:	overdose
O.P.:	opium
Ogoy:	heroin
Oil:	heroin; PCP
Old Steve:	heroin
On a trip:	under the influence of drugs
On the bricks:	walking the streets
On the nod:	under the influence of narcotics or depressant
One on one house:	where cocaine and heroin can be purchased
One plus one sales:	selling cocaine and heroin together
Op:	opium
Outfit:	syringe

P

Pack:	marijuana; heroin
Panic:	drugs not available
Paper:	a dosage unit of heroin
Paper bag:	container for drugs
Parachute:	smokable crack & heroin mixture
P-dope:	20-30% pure heroin
Peddler:	drug supplier
Peg:	heroin
Pepsi habit:	occasional use of drugs
Perlas:	street dealer (heroin)
P-funk:	crack mixed with PCP; heroin
Plant:	hiding place for drugs
Point:	a needle
Poison:	heroin; fentanyl
Polvo:	heroin (spanish); PCP
Poppy:	heroin
Predator:	heroin

Primos:	cigarette laced with cocaine and heroin
Pulborn:	heroin
Push:	sell drugs
Push shorts:	to cheat or sell short amounts

Q

Quarter bag:	\$25 worth of drugs
Quarter piece:	¼ ounce

R

Racehorse charlie:	cocaine; heroin
Rambo:	heroin
Rap:	criminally charged; to talk with someone
Raw fusion:	heroin
Raw hide:	heroin
Razed:	under the influence of drugs
Ready rock:	cocaine; crack; heroin
Red:	under the influence of drugs
Red chicken:	heroin
Red eagle:	heroin
Reindeer dust:	heroin
Rhine:	heroin
Roller:	to inject a drug

S

Sack:	heroin
Satch:	papers, letters, cards, clothing, etc. saturated with drug solution (used to smuggle drugs into prisons or hospitals)
Satch cotton:	fabric used to filter a solution of narcotics before injection
Scag:	heroin
Scat:	heroin
Schmeck:	heroin
Score:	to obtain drugs



Scott:	heroin
Scratch:	money
Second to none:	heroin
Set:	place where drugs are sold
Sewer:	vein into which a drug is injected
Sharps:	hypodermic needles
Shit:	heroin; cannabis; any drug
Shmeck:	heroin
Shoot up:	to inject a drug
Shooting gallery:	place where drugs are used
Shot down:	under the influence of a drug
Skag:	heroin
Skee:	opium
Skid:	heroin
Skied:	under the influence of a drug
Skin popping:	injecting drugs under the skin
Slam:	to inject a drug
Slanging:	selling drugs
Sleeper:	heroin; barbiturate
Smack:	heroin
Sniffer bags:	\$5 bag of heroin intended for inhalation
Sniffing:	to inhale cocaine; inhalants
Snort:	to inhale a drug
Speedball:	heroin mixed with cocaine; crack and smoked together
Spike:	to inject a drug; needle; hypodermic needle
Split:	half and half; or to leave
Spoon:	1/16 ounce of heroin; paraphernalia used to prepare heroin for injection
Sprung:	person just starting to use drugs
Stash:	place to hide drugs; unused drugs
Stash areas:	drug storage and distribution areas
Step on:	dilute drugs
Stoned:	under the influence of a drug
Strung out:	heavily addicted to drugs
Stuff:	heroin
Sweet dreams:	heroin
Sweet Jesus:	heroin

T

T.N.T.:	heroin; fentanyl
Tar:	heroin and crack smoked together; heroin; opium
Taste:	heroin; small sample of drugs
Taxing:	price paid to enter a crackhouse
Tecata:	heroin (Spanish)
The beast:	heroin
The witch:	heroin
Thing:	heroin; cocaine; main drug interest at the moment
Thoroughbred:	drug dealer who sells pure narcotics
Thunder:	heroin
Tie:	to inject a drug
Tiger:	heroin
Toilet water:	inhalants
Tout:	person who introduces buyers to sellers
Track:	to inject a drug
Tracks:	row of needle marks on a person
Trap:	hiding place for drugs
Turf:	place where drugs are sold
Turned on:	introduced to drugs; under the influence
Twenty:	\$20 worth of drugs

U

Uncle:	federal agents
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W

Wake and Bake:	marijuana; getting high first thing in the morning
White boy:	heroin
White junk:	heroin
White lady:	cocaine; heroin
White nurse:	heroin

Wicked:	a potent brand of heroin
Wiggin:	odd behavior resulting from the use of mind altering drugs
Wings:	heroin; cocaine
Witch:	heroin; cocaine
Witch hazel:	heroin
Works:	equipment used for injecting a drug

Z

Z:	1 ounce of heroin
Zip:	1 ounce of any type of drug
Zonked:	extremely high on drugs