

Resources for Information on Illegal Drugs

The best **Databases** to use (from the library page) are:

[Gale- Student Resource Center-HEALTH module](#)

[Teen Health and Wellness](#)

Check out the [Books from our online catalog](#) Search under SUBJECT with terms drugs; drug abuse; stimulants; or specific drugs, i.e. Cocaine. Many books can be found with the Dewey number 362.29

More excellent information can be found on the **Websites** listed below:

[DEA: Drug Information](#)

Fast facts and news about illegal **drugs** and **drugs** that are abused in the U.S., such as OxyContin, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, LSD, steroids, methamphetamine, ecstasy (MDMA), ketamine, and other "club **drugs**." From the U.S. **Drug** Enforcement Administration (DEA).

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/concern/concern.htm>

[Drug Information Portal](#)

This database, launched in February 2008, provides information about over 12,000 **drugs**, including prescription and non-prescription **drugs**, dietary supplements, **drugs** of abuse, and investigational **drugs**. Searchable by generic or brand name, or browse resources by **drug** class or by audiences such as the public or librarians. Also includes news, featured **drugs**, and related resources. From the National Library of Medicine (NLM); database compiled from NLM and other government sources.

<http://druginfo.nlm.nih.gov>

[Heroin: Abuse and Addiction](#)

Answers to commonly asked questions about heroin from the National Institute on **Drug** Abuse (NIDA), a part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/ResearchReports/Heroin/Heroin.html>

[Busted: America's War on Marijuana](#)

"A behind-the-scenes report on the marijuana industry and the controversial effort to eradicate it." Includes interactive quizzes; related interviews; opposing views and reports on the effectiveness of D.A.R.E. (**Drug** Abuse Resistance Education); a marijuana timeline; information on laws, sentencing, and prices; two case histories of individuals serving marijuana-related prison terms; and principles for practical **drug** policies from "experts with varying political perspectives." From the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) series Frontline.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/dope/>

[MedlinePlus: Prescription Drug Abuse](#)

Links to publications about prescription **drug** abuse and addiction. Includes general materials, resources on specific prescription **drug** types (such as pain relievers, diet pills, and stimulants), and publications about prescription **drug** abuse by teenagers and young adults. From the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/prescriptiondrugabuse.html>

[Drugs@FDA](#)

A database listing most brand name and generic **drug** products approved by the Food and **Drug** Administration since 1939, including prescription and over-the-counter human **drugs** currently approved for sale in the United States, as well as discontinued **drugs**. "The majority of labels, approval letters, reviews, and other information are available for **drug** products approved from 1998 to the present." Searchable by **drug** name, active ingredient, company, FDA action date, and more.

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm>

[Drug Policy Alliance](#)

This group claims to be "the leading organization working to broaden the public debate on **drug** policy and to promote realistic alternatives to the war on **drugs** based on science, compassion, health and human rights." Features information about specific **drugs**, national and international **drug** policies, **drugs** and race, **drug** treatment options, and **drugs** and law enforcement. Also includes an online library of full-text documents, a discussion forum, news, and alerts.

<http://www.drugpolicy.org/homepage.cfm>

[Postmarket Drug Safety Information for Patients and Providers](#)

In 2005 the FDA proposed creating the **Drug** Watch Web Page, a new program that would communicate "the most up-to-date information possible on emerging [**drug**] safety issues to the public, even before FDA ... decides whether a regulatory action is appropriate." Includes guidance from the FDA, **drug** specific information for health professionals and consumers, and related information. From the U.S. Food and **Drug** Administration (FDA), Center for **Drug** Evaluation and Research (CDER).

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/default.htm>

[Street Terms: Drugs and the Drug Trade](#)

This site contains "over 2,000 street terms that refer to specific **drug** types or **drug** activity." Browseable by **drug** names and types. From the Office of National **Drug** Control Policy (ONDCP).

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/streetterms/>

[Office of National **Drug** Control Policy \(ONDCP\)](#)

This site contains extensive reports on the state of **drug** enforcement and awareness in the United States. Documents include the General Counterdrug Intelligence Plan, maps of high intensity **drug** trafficking areas including facts and strategies for each city mentioned, an anti-**drug** media campaign, a substance abuse treatment facility locator, and funding opportunities for communities to combat illegal **drug** use. There are also links to state and local agencies.

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/>

[Drug Information](#)

Created by the U.S. **Drug** Enforcement Administration, this site provides information about the effects, use, and abuse of individual **drugs**, including cocaine, heroin, inhalants, marijuana, MDMA (ecstasy), methamphetamine, steroids, and others. It also includes statistics on illicit **drug** use in the United States.

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/concern/concern.htm>

[NIDA for Teens: The Science Behind **Drug** Abuse](#)

Designed "to educate adolescents ages 11 through 15 (as well as their parents and teachers) on the science behind **drug** abuse." Includes facts on how marijuana, nicotine, anabolic steroids, and other **drugs** affect the brain and body, "real stories" from teens, games and activities, a glossary, and resources for teachers. From the National Institute on **Drug** Abuse (NIDA), a part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

<http://www.teens.drugabuse.gov/>

[The Partnership For A **Drug**-Free America \(PDFA\)](#)

"The Partnership for a **Drug**-Free America is a nonprofit coalition of communication, health, medical and educational professionals working to reduce illicit **drug** use and help people live healthy, **drug**-free lives." The site contains brief profiles of individual **drugs**, personal stories, treatment and intervention information, and sections for teens and parents.

<http://www.drugfree.org/>

[MDMA \(Ecstasy\) Abuse](#)

This research report provides background information about the popular club **drug** MDMA (Ecstasy). It explains how ecstasy affects the brain and the body and why it can be dangerous. It also offers a history of the **drug** and a profile of the populations using it, references, and a glossary. From the National Institute on **Drug** Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/ResearchReports/MDMA/>

[United Nations Office on **Drugs** and Crime, Country Office Afghanistan: Reports and Surveys](#)

Reports on topics such as opium poppy production (annual back to 2000), a farmers' intentions survey, and an assessment of **drug** use in Kabul. Also includes links to a fact sheet about **drugs** and crime in Afghanistan and to related information. From the United Nations Office on **Drugs** and Crime (UNODC).

<http://www.unodc.org/afghanistan/en/publications-and-reports.html>

[Drug Wars](#)

Web site of the Frontline series on the thirty year history of America's war on **drugs**, including information on both sides of the battlefield - from **drug** warriors and from top traffickers. Videos (RealPlayer), charts, interviews, timelines, teacher's guide, and tapes and transcripts of the programs are available.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/drugs/>

[Club **Drugs**](#)

Research reports on the effects on health of the use of such "rave" or "trance" **drugs** as MDMA (Ecstasy), GHB, Rohypnol, ketamine, methamphetamine, and LSD. Note: The Trends and Statistics section is outdated. From the National Institute on **Drug** Abuse (NIDA), a part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

<http://www.clubdrugs.org/>

[Illegal **Drugs** in America: A Modern History](#)

Brief overview of illegal **drugs** in the U.S. Covers opium and morphine ("American's first **drug** epidemic"), enforcing new **drug** laws (San Francisco passed the first anti-**drug** law in 1875.), rise of the modern **drug** culture in the 1960s and the creation of the **Drug** Enforcement Administration in 1973, and the return of cocaine and the rise of **drug** cartels in the 1970s and 1980s. From the **Drug** Enforcement Administration (DEA) Museum & Visitors Center.

http://www.deamuseum.org/museum_ida.html

[In the Spotlight: Club **Drugs**](#)

Information on "a wide variety of **drugs** including MDMA (Ecstasy), GHB, Rohypnol, ketamine, methamphetamine, and LSD." Includes links to statistics, reports and publications, legislation, and selected state and local programs and initiatives. From The National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS), "a federally funded resource offering justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide."

http://www.ncjrs.gov/spotlight/club_drugs/summary.html