

Classification and Recognition of Signs and Symptoms

Instructions: You will be asked to allocate the signs and symptoms associated with each illegal drug into their respective categories.

You will be asked questions to test your knowledge with regards to understanding the signs and symptoms for each drug.

Several signs and symptoms are indicative of more than one drug type. However, remember that it is not important for you the supervisor to identify the substance being used, neither during the interview nor as a criterion for making a referral.

MARIJUANA	
PHYSICAL	
BEHAVIORAL	
SPEECH	
ODOR	

Signs of Use:

Reddened, bloodshot eyes Lack of motivation Diminished concentration Impaired vision

Slowed speech Chronic fatigue

Emphysema-like condition

Irritating cough and chronic sore throat Pungent aroma, distinctive smell on clothing Lackadaisical attitude

COCAINE	
PHYSICAL	
BEHAVIORAL	
SPEECH	
ODOR	

Signs of Use:

Talkativeness

Wide mood and energy swings Profuse sweating/dry mouth Difficulty concentrating Insomnia

Paranoia and hallucinations Dilated pupils/visual impairment

Increased physical activity and fatigue restlessness Isolation and withdrawal from friends/normal activity
 Runny or irritated nose

High blood pressure, heart palpitations Formication (sensation of bugs crawling on skin)

Frequent non-business visitors, phone calls, delivered packages frequent and extended absences from
 meeting or work assignments

OPIATES	
PHYSICAL	
BEHAVIORAL	
SPEECH	
ODOR	

Signs of Use:

Low, raspy speech Mood changes

Physical fatigue and drowsiness Depression and apathy Impaired coordination

Impaired mental functioning and alertness Dry mouth, facial itching

Constricted pupils Impaired respiration

Possible puncture marks ("tracks") Nausea, vomiting

AMPHETAMINES	
PHYSICAL	
BEHAVIORAL	
SPEECH	
ODOR	

Signs of Use:

Talkativeness Confusion

Rapid respiration/profuse sweating Heightened aggressiveness Increased heart rate, blood pressure
 Hyperexcitability and restlessness Panic

Dilated pupils Impulsive, risk-taking Runny/bleeding nose Redness in nasal area

PHENCYCLIDINE (PCP)	
PHYSICAL	
BEHAVIORAL	
SPEECH	
ODOR	

Signs of Use:

Impaired coordination Incoherent

Extreme mood shifts Violent and combative

Incomplete or repetitive verbal responses Muscle rigidity

Severe confusion and agitation Dilated pupils

Dizziness

Nystagmus (spasmodic, involuntary jerky eye movement) Profuse sweating