



Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Date Rape Drug Fact Sheet:

ROHYPNOL (FLUNITRAZEPAM)

STREET NAMES:

Roofies, Ruffies, Roche, R-Z, Rib, Rope, Stupify, Shays, Roachies

DESCRIPTION:

- Rohypnol is the brand name of a sleeping pill marketed by Roche Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Rohypnol is a benzodiazepine (Valium is also a benzodiazepine). Rohypnol can be addictive.
- Rohypnol is taken orally as a pill or dissolved in liquids, often in conjunction with drugs or alcohol.
- Rohypnol is not marketed in the United States and it is a felony to possess this drug in the US. It is marketed in Mexico, South America, Europe, and Asia.

SIDE EFFECTS:

- Can be addictive
- Decreased blood pressure
- Loss of memory
- Tiredness
- Problems with vision
- Dizziness and confusion
- Nervousness
- Aggressive behavior

Side effects begin approximately 30 minutes after taking the drug and peak within two hours.

The effects can last for up to 8 hours, depending on how much is taken.

When taken with alcohol or any depressant drug, Rohypnol can cause death.

ABUSE PATTERNS:

The most common and concerning abuse is use by rapists, who slip the drug into a victim's drink (usually alcohol) before raping or sexually assaulting them. Rohypnol takes away the victim's normal inhibitions, leaves the victim helpless, and blocks the memory of a rape or sexual assault. NOTE: Because of this loss of memory, if a drug is believed to have been used in a rape or sexual assault blood and urine samples should be taken immediately so that tests can be run for traces of the drug.

Other abuses of rohypnol include:

- Use as a primary intoxicant
- To enhance low quality heroin
- In combination with cocaine to moderate the effects of a binge

GET HELP: If you think you may have been drugged or sexually assaulted, help is available.

Contact the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

24-hour information and support line at (617) 495-9100.



SOURCES:

"How to Prevent Drug Induced Rape", Pamphlet by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Florida.
"Rohypnol Fact Sheet", Smith, D., Wesson, & Calhoun, S., Height Ashbury Free Clinics, California.
"Drug Fact Sheet: Rohypnol", Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, Cambridge, MA

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GHB (GAMMA HYDOXYBUTYRATE)

STREET NAMES:

There are more than 80 known names for GHB, including Liquid E, Liquid X, Grievous Bodily Harm, Woman's Viagra, Easy Lay, Gamma 10, and Salty Water

DESCRIPTION:

- GHB was originally developed as an anesthetic.
- GHB can be produced as a white powder but is more often in the form of an odorless, clear liquid. It has a salty or chemical taste which is easily masked in an alcoholic beverage.
- GHB is sold on the street as a drug that "increases sexual awareness" and leads to "more intense sexual activity".

SIDE EFFECTS:

Low dosage:

- Feeling of well-being similar to being mildly drunk
- Decreased inhibitions
- Increased sociability
- Drowsiness and/or sleep

High dosage:

- Immediate intoxication
- Deep, unresponsive sleep
- Shallow breathing
- Decreased blood pressure
- Memory loss

When taken with alcohol or any depressant drug, GHB can cause death.

ABUSE PATTERNS:

- A common abuse of GHB is by rapists slipping the drug into a victim's drink, usually alcohol, before raping or sexually assaulting them. Within a few moments, the victim appears drunk and helpless. Often, the perpetrator acts as a "Good Samaritan" and offers to escort the victim home. When the victim regains consciousness, she or he has no memory of the assault. NOTE: Because of this loss of memory, if a drug is believed to have been used in a rape or sexual assault blood and urine samples should be taken immediately so that tests can be run for traces of the drug.
- GHB is also commonly used by body builders because they think (falsely) that GHB increases growth hormone levels and burns fat.
- Attendees at dance clubs or "rave" parties use GHB to alter mood.

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