

Alcohol and Drug Use Indicators

Look at the eyes!

Are they clear and bright like they should be? Are the whites, white? Are the pupils of normal size?

What do you hear?

Slurred speech, admission of drinking, inconsistent responses, unusual statements, abusive language, anything else?

What do you smell?

Alcoholic beverage, "cover-up" odors like lots of mouth wash, breath mints, cologne, incense? Other unusual odors? Anything else?

What do you see?

Angry, unusual reaction, can't follow directions, can't open door, hangs out the windows, "climbs" out of car, leans against car, keeps hand on car, unsteady on feet, fumbles with keys, purse, and backpack? Anything else?

Indicators of Hallucinogen impairment:

Dazed appearance, body tremors, perspiring, paranoia, disoriented, nausea, difficulty with speech, pilo-erection, statements suggesting hallucinations

Indicators of PCP Impairment:

Blank stare, loss of memory, perspiring heavily, warm to touch, incomplete, slurred verbal responses, cyclic behavior, agitated, rigid muscle tone, disoriented, non-responsive, chemical odor

Indicators of Inhalant Impairment:

Odor of the inhaled substance, dizziness, numbness, possible traces of the substance around the face and nose, bloodshot, watery eyes, distorted perception of time and distance, confused, disoriented appearance

Indicators of Cannabis (Marijuana) Impairment:

Odor of marijuana, impaired perception of time and distance, marked reddening of whites of eyes, body tremors, disorientation, impaired attention, relaxed inhibitions, "munchies"

Indicators of Ecstasy Impairment:

Drinking lots of water, huggy and touchy with others, up close and personal with the music speakers, pacifiers or chewing on a straw or lollipop, underwear off, listening to light and seeing sound

Narcotic Analgesic Impairment:

Pin point pupils, on the nod, drowsiness, low raspy voice, facial itching