

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OPIOID: HEROIN

Street Names

Brown sugar, Dope, H, Horse, Junk, Skag, Skunk, Smack, White horse, Black pearl, China white, Aunt Hazel

Method of Use

Smoked, Snorted, Injected



Symptoms/ Effects of Use

- Dry mouth
- Warm flushing of the skin, heaviness of the arms/legs
- Depressed breathing
- Slurred speech
- Feelings of itchiness
- Decreased motivation
- Hostility towards others
- Tolerance
- Dependence
- Increased risk of HIV infections and Hepatitis B and C (due to IV use)
- Collapsed and scarred veins due to IV use
- Muscle spasms
- Coma
- Death (usually by overdose)



What to look for...

- Constricted pupils
- Scars, sores, cuts, lesions, and/or "track marks" from IV use
- Poor hygiene
- Runny nose, constant sniffing, or nose-bleeds



Withdrawal Symptoms

- Restlessness
- Muscle and bone pain (body aches)
- Insomnia
- Diarrhea and vomiting
- Cold flashes with goose bumps
- Muscle spasms

Note: Each person may experience different symptoms/effects. This list is not inclusive. For more information, visit www.drugabuse.gov