

# Heroin



## Street Names for Heroin

Big H, Black, Black Tar, Black Pearl, Black Stuff, Black Eagle, Boy, Chiba, Brown, Brown Crystal, Brown Sugar, Brown Tape, Brown Rhine, China White, Chiva, Chiba, Chiva, Chieva, Dope, Dragon, Fix, MADA, Mexican Brown, Mexican Mud, Mr. Brownstone, H, Heron, Herone, Hero, Hera, Junk, Mexican Brown, Mexican Mud, Mexican Horse, Mud, Number 3, Number 4, Number 8, Scag, Scat, Sack, Skag, Skunk, Smack, Snow, Snowball, Stuff, White, White Boy, White Girl, White Horse, White Lady, White Nurse.

Many of these names have been around for years, while others are more modern terms that may not be as popular. Some may have gotten their roots from other countries or old stories. There is no doubt that there could be other names for this drug. Many groups especially fraternities and college-based groups, may have their own special or unique names. Familiarizing yourself with these names will empower you to make informed decisions.

***Remember these can change at any time. "So Listen Up!" Our kids have learned these names and so can you.***

## This is how Heroin is sometimes used.

Heroin is most often injected however; it can also be vaporized, smoked or snorted. The biggest problem with heroin is that its users cannot determine its actual strength. This is due to the cutting process and the uncertainty of what it's been mixed with. It is for this reason anyone who uses this drug runs a very high risk of either an accidental over dose or death. It's as if the user is playing a game of Russian roulette, except there adding an extra bullet to the barrel. If the drug doesn't kill you than whatever you contract from sharing needles will.

## There are deferent types of Heroin.

Heroin comes in different shades and sizes and depending on what color it is can determine how it's being used.



**White Heroin**



**Brown Heroin**



**Black Tar**

**White Heroin:** Is the purest it is in power form in this form it can be snorted, smoked or injected.

**Brown Heroin:** Brown heroin is a less-soluble form of heroin that is commonly smoked rather than injected or snorted.

**Black Tar:** Is just what it looks like, this putty like form is sold on the street to users which then it is cooked down into a liquid to inject. This form of heroin can also be smoked.

## How long does a heroin high last?

The high that a person experiences after doing heroin can vary depending on the person. The average high can last anywhere from 2 to 8 hours and the amount of heroin used. Heroin can cause nausea and induce vomiting for inexperienced users and when taken in large doses.

Other conditions may include:

- A powerful sense of well-being, free from worry
- A sleepy drowsy sedation
- Nodding, an awake but dreamlike state
- A feeling of warmth
- Slowed breathing

In the event a user overdoses, near death symptoms will appear.

**These symptoms will include:**

- Very shallow breathing or no respiration
- Convulsions
- Coma
- Cold and clammy feeling skin
- Extremely constricted pupils (pinpoint)

Unfortunately, many people who reach this point die before help can arrive.

**Here is a lengthy list of long term health consequences if a person uses heroin.**

**These consequences can include:**

- **Track marks** – injection scars
- **Botulism** – users of black-tar heroin are at an elevated risk of very toxic botulism spores
- **Bacterial infections** – resulting from poor injection practices; these can lead to cardiac infections that increase the risk of heart failure
- **Collapsed veins** – frequent injections can lead to vein scarring or collapsed veins
- **Organ damage** – resulting from a reduction in blood flow as a consequence of vein damage
- **HIV or hepatitis B or C infection** - Injecting heroin (or even sharing straws) transfers blood born infectious disease between users. IV drug users face an *extremely* high risk of hepatitis C and a high risk of HIV.

**Symptoms of withdraw:**

Heroin withdrawal symptoms are very difficult and dangerous to deal with. These symptoms can be activated in just a few hours after the last dose. The body then experiences a very intense craving for the drug. This is the body's way of reacting to the drug being gone. This is also the biggest reason why quitting without getting professional help can result in failure to getting off the drug completely.

**Symptoms of heroin withdrawal can include:**

Nausea, Vomiting, Headache, Muscle aches and pains, Yawning, Diarrhea, Runny sinuses, Depression, Anxiety, Restlessness, Sweating, Restless legs or "kicking" Stomach cramps.

**Getting help for someone with a Heroin addiction**

Quitting a heroin addiction is not going to be an easy thing to do it will involve seeking out professional help and even with the proper help it may take a person several attempts to finally quit. The time to start rebuilding your life starts here. If you know someone who needs help please contact:

**The Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Abuse at: 717-783-8200**