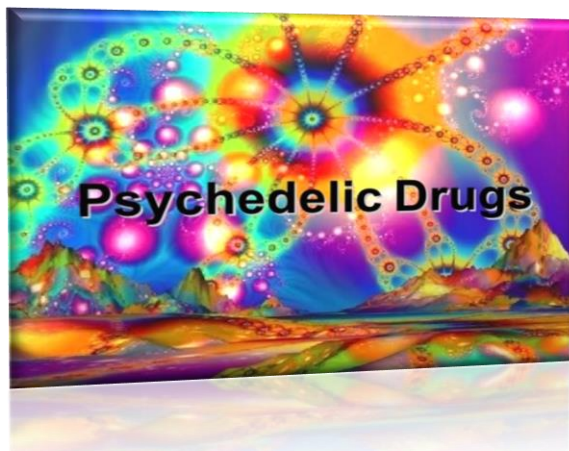


HALLUCINOGENS- TOP 5 Psychedelic Drugs



#1 – LYSERGIC ACID DIETHYLAMIDE

LSD or acid, is possibly the most well-known psychedelic drug. It alters awareness and perceptions and may also cause hallucinations. It is not chemically addictive but can cause some negative effects like anxiety and paranoia. Some research shows an increased likelihood of developing psychological disorders like schizophrenia in adults with other risk factors.

#2 – PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOM

Psilocybin or magic mushrooms, a group of fungi that have been used since prehistoric times as an entheogen (spiritual purposes) and hallucinogenic drug. Psilocybin causes an increase in empathy, euphoria, and altered thinking. In some species, it can cause open and closed eye visuals. Although they are not chemically addictive, and they do not represent a significant health threat, they are hard to distinguish from deadly mushrooms. Toxic species like Death Caps can look identical to some species of psilocybin and grow in the same places.

#3 – DMT/ AYAHUASCA

Dimethyltryptamine, better known as DMT, was popularized by two researchers in the late 20th century. DMT has been used for possibly thousands of years by Amazonian tribes that activate DMT innately in rainforest plants by brewing it in tea, called ayahuasca with MAOIs (which is necessary to make it active when ingested). The substance may be among the most powerful psychedelic drugs on earth, with potential for powerful visual hallucinations. There is little evidence to suggest that it could cause chemical dependence or medical complications. However, there is a chance that psychological issues may develop from bad trips.

Q & A HALLUCINOGENS

Q - Has any one ever died from using a hallucinogen such as LSD?

A – Hallucinogens can kill due to violence, suicide, and overdose too.

(Source: Narconon)

#4 – Mescaline/ PEYOTE

Mescaline is a psychedelic alkaloid that is found in a number of southwestern cacti like peyote, the San Pedro cactus, and the Peruvian torch. Peyote is popularly used by Native American shaman in religious ceremonies. The drug is illegal in the US, but special exceptions are made for groups that use it for religious purposes.

Mescaline causes color enhancements, euphoria, and an increase in introspection. Users often report having personal epiphanies on while on the drug. When ingested, the peyote cactus is bitter and can commonly cause nausea and vomiting. Mescaline, like other psychedelic drugs, has a potential for psychological addiction. However, it is not chemically addictive and has a very low physical risk for healthy users.

#5 – MDMA

3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine, better known as MDMA, ecstasy, or molly is an entactogen which is a class of drugs that produce a feeling of communion or oneness with others. Unlike the rest of the top five psychedelic drugs, MDMA is most often used as a party drug.

MDMA's effects have a larger emphasis on increased empathy and emotional connection. It also elevates mood and sometimes facilitates a mental and physical euphoria. In some users, MDMA can create mild hallucinations like color changes or heightened audio effects. MDMA causes dehydration and raises your body temperature which means users are required to drink water consistently while high. MDMA has been recorded leading to fatal medical complications due to hyperthermia and dehydration, especially when combined with alcohol.

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