

addiction (*noun*): a brain disorder or illness associated with compulsive (uncontrollable) behavior, such as drug use, despite negative consequences

addictive (*adjective*): something, such as a drug, that causes changes to the brain that result in compulsive (uncontrollable) behavior despite negative consequences

amphetamine (*noun*): a type of stimulant drug that increases certain brain activity

anxiety (*noun*): a feeling of fear or worry

“bath salts” (*noun*): a name given to a drug made from synthetic cathinones

cannabinoid (*noun*): a chemical that is found naturally in hemp plants and causes changes in the brain and behavior

cathinone (*noun*): a chemical found naturally in the leaves of the khat plant that increases certain activity in the brain and nervous system

chemical (*noun*): a substance, such as an element or a mix of elements (compound), that is made by a chemical process

consumption (*noun*): the act of eating, drinking, or using up something

counterfeit (*adjective*): made in imitation of something else with the goal of deceiving or cheating

craving (*noun*): an intense or abnormal desire for something

dependent (*adjective*): having a need for a drug because of repeated use so that physical withdrawal symptoms are experienced if the drug is removed

designed (*adjective*): created to have a certain purpose or function

disguised (*adjective*): having the true state or character concealed or hidden

distributor (*noun*): a company that buys products from one company and arranges for other companies or individuals to sell them

dose (*noun*): the measured amount of a chemical such as a drug to be taken at one time

ensure (*verb*): to make sure

fentanyl (*noun*): an opioid drug made in laboratories that is much stronger (50 to 100 times) than other legal opioids. It is prescribed only to treat very severe pain.

hallucination (*noun*): the perception of objects that are not real

hydrocodone (*noun*): an opioid drug that is used as a painkiller and prescribed by doctors for moderate to severe pain

illegal (*adjective*): against the law

ingredient (*noun*): something that is a part of a combination or mixture

K2 (*noun*): the name sometimes given to a drug made from dried plant leaves sprayed with synthetic cannabinoid chemicals that are similar to THC

laboratory (*noun*): a place where scientific experiments are done or products such as drugs are made

legal (*adjective*): allowed by the law

legitimate (*adjective*): being exactly as described, not false

marijuana (*noun*): dried leaves and flowers of the hemp plant which can be used as a drug

MDMA (Ecstasy or Molly) (*noun*): an illegal stimulant drug that gives feelings of pleasure and excitement

medication (*noun*): a chemical or substance that is used to treat a disease or medical condition

misleading (*adjective*): giving the wrong idea or inaccurate information about something, usually on purpose

misuse (*verb*): to use something in a way that is unintended or harmful, such as misuse of a prescription drug

morphine (*noun*): an opioid drug that is used as a painkiller and is prescribed by doctors for moderate to severe pain

natural (*adjective*): existing in or produced by nature

Norco (*noun*): a brand-name version of the drug hydrocodone

official (*adjective*): of or having to do with someone in a position of authority

opioid (*noun*): one of a group of drugs that produce relaxation, pleasure, and pain relief. Opioids can be addictive and potentially deadly due to overdoses.

overdose (*noun*): a lethal or toxic amount of a drug; (*verb*): to take a lethal or toxic amount of a drug

paranoia (*noun*): a tendency for extreme and unreasonable distrust or suspicion of other people

pose (*verb*): to present or create

potent (*adjective*): having a powerful effect

potentially (*adverb*): possibly, but not yet actual

prescribe (*verb*): to write or give medical instructions, such as regarding the use of certain medications

prescription drug (*noun*): a medication that must be ordered by a doctor before it can be dispensed

regulate (*verb*): to bring under control of the law or rules

regulation (*noun*): a rule that deals with details and procedures, such as those that are used to make sure something is safe

respond (*verb*): to react to something

retailer (*noun*): of or having to do with the sale of goods directly to customers

risk (*noun*): the possibility of loss or injury; danger

seizure (*noun*): a sudden attack caused by abnormal activity in the brain that causes convulsions or loss of consciousness

severe (*adjective*): of a great degree

Spice (*noun*): the name sometimes given to a drug made from dried plant leaves sprayed with synthetic cannabinoid chemicals that are similar to THC

stimulant (*noun*): a drug that causes a temporary increase in activity in parts of the brain and body

substance (*noun*): a material with a specific chemical makeup

surge (*verb*): to rise suddenly to an excessive or abnormal amount

synthetic (*adjective*): produced by a chemical process

THC (*noun*): a type of natural cannabinoid chemical that is the main active ingredient in marijuana

treat (*verb*): to care for or deal with medically; to act upon something with an agent such as a chemical to improve or alter

undergo (*verb*): to go through or experience

unpredictable (*adjective*): not able to be known in advance

unregulated (*adjective*): not controlled by rules or methods that are used to make sure certain standards of safety or quality are met

version (*noun*): a different form or type of something