What are Date Rape Drugs?

These are drugs that are sometimes used to assist in sexual assault. Sexual assault is any type of sexual activity that a person does not agree to. These drugs are powerful and dangerous.

They can be slipped into a drink if a drink is left unattended, even for just a moment. The drugs often have no color, smell, or taste, so you cannot tell if you are being drugged. The drugs can make you become weak and confused or even pass out so that you are unable to refuse sex or defend yourself.

You might not remember what happened while you were drugged. Date rape drugs are used on both females and males.

Three Most Common Date Rape Drugs

• Rohypnol Rohypnol is the trade name for flunitrazepam. Abuse of two similar drugs appears to have replaced Rohypnol abuse in some parts of the United States. These drugs are: clonazepam (marketed as Klonopin in the U.S. and Rivotril in Mexico) and alprazolam (marketed as Xanax). Rohypnol is also known as

   Mind Erasers
   Roofies
   Lunch Money

• GHB, is short for gamma hydroxybutyric acid. GHB is also known as

   Cherry Meth
   Energy Drink
   Gook

• Ketamine is also known as

   Bump
   Special K
   Super Acid

What do Date Rape Drugs look like?

• Rohypnol comes as a pill that dissolves in liquids. Some are small, round, and white. Newer pills are oval and green-gray in color. When slipped into a drink, a dye in these new pills makes clear liquids turn bright blue and dark drinks turn cloudy. This color change might be hard to see in a dark drink, like cola or dark beer, or in a dark room. Also, the pills with no dye are still available. The pills may be ground up into a powder.

• GHB has a few forms: a liquid with no odor or color, a white powder, and a pill. It might give your drink a slightly salty taste. Mixing it with a sweet drink, such as fruit juice, can mask the salty taste.

• Ketamine comes as a liquid and a white powder.
What Effects Do These Drugs Have on the Body?

- **Rohypnol.** The effects of Rohypnol can be felt within 30 minutes of being drugged and can last for several hours. Side effects are
  - Muscle relaxation
  - Drunk feeling
  - Problems talking
  - Nausea
  - Dizziness

- **GHB.** GHB takes effect in about 15 minutes and can last 3 or 4 hours. Side effects are
  - Relaxation
  - Drowsiness
  - Dizziness
  - Nausea
  - Problems seeing

- **Ketamine.** Ketamine is very fast-acting. You might be aware of what is happening to you, but unable to move. Side effects are
  - Impaired motor function
  - Problems breathing
  - Convulsions
  - Vomiting
  - Memory problems

Don’t Let This Happen to You!

For more information, visit the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

http://www.womenshealth.gov/faq/date-rape-drugs.cfm

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