

Rohypnol – Date Rape

Rohypnol, a trade name for the drug flunitrazepam, is a central nervous system depressant. That means that it slows down your brain, heart & breathing, all of which can kill the user. This deadly trait is twice as potent for drug abusers if it is mixed with alcohol. Rohypnol is often used as a means of easing the depression that results from substance abuser's addiction to stimulants such as cocaine and methamphetamine.

This drug is not illegal in the United States, but is legal in Europe and Mexico.

Rohypnol is commonly used in the commission of sexual assaults. This drug is popular and being sold on high school and college campuses and at raves and nightclubs... anywhere alcohol, drugs, music and dancing are found. Teenagers and young adults, primarily aged 13 to 30, are the principal users of Rohypnol, and most of those users are male. Sexual predators who administer Rohypnol to their victims typically slip the drug into a drink, often at a bar or party.

Certain mind sets and emotional needs create addictions of another sort, usually an exhibit of control of and power over another person. The actual rape is not necessarily sexual, but a personal demonstration of the rapist's power and a release for his sense of powerlessness. Rohypnol is the tool used to make that release happen.

Use of Rohypnol facilitates sexual assault on unsuspecting victims by rendering the selected victim unconscious or helpless. This makes it impossible for the victim to either give consent or withhold it. The tasteless drug is slipped into a drink and the victim is unaware of it. Victims are usually unconscious and unable to recall the events of the rape.

Victims often are reluctant to report incidents because of a sense of embarrassment, guilt, or perceived responsibility, or because they lack specific recall of the assault. Moreover, most of the drugs typically used in the commission of sexual assaults are rapidly absorbed (within 12 hours) and metabolized by the body, thereby rendering them undetectable in routine urine and blood drug screenings.

Those with drug addictions, particularly to stimulants, use Rohypnol to help them when they get depressed, as addicts often do. Although the drug is classified as a depressant (depresses the Central Nervous System), Rohypnol can induce aggression or excitability. While many sexual predators

lace unsuspecting victims' drinks with the drug, others offer Rohypnol to victims who consume the drug without understanding the effects it will produce. Rohypnol users who inject the drug expose themselves to additional risks, including contracting HIV, Hepatitis C, and other blood-borne viruses.

The most common names for Rohypnol are Circles, Forget-Me drug, Forget-Me pill, Forget pill, La Rocha, Lunch Money drug, Mexican Valium, Pingus, R-2, Reynolds, Roach-2, Roaches, Roachies, Roapies, Robutal, Rochas, Roche, Roofies, Rophies, Rophy, Ropies, Roples, Row-Shay, Ruffles, Ruffies, Wolfies.

Rohypnol can cause these problems: can't remember what happened while drugged, lower blood pressure, sleepiness, muscle relaxation or loss of muscle control, drunk feeling, nausea, problems talking, difficulty with motor movements, loss of consciousness, confusion, problems seeing, dizziness, confusion and stomach problems.

So, we have a drug that is being used in two separate ways, both illegal and harmful to the user. People with addictions use it to smooth out their mood when they feel the onset of depression, especially when they are using Cocaine or Methamphetamine. Predators use it to drug unsuspecting young women into unconsciousness so they can rape them and satisfy their addiction to control and power trips. Very nasty business!

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