Drug Classes
“The Controlled Substance Act”

The government maintains five schedules of classifications for controlled substances. Controlled substances are placed in these schedules according to:

- Potential for abuse
- Potential for dependence
- Medical value
Abuse

- Inappropriate use
- Unwarranted use
- Over use
- May or may not be addictive
Dependence

- Physical dependence occurs when the drug becomes necessary for their body to function normally.

- Psychological dependence occurs when a person thinks they need a drug to function normally.
Schedule I

- High potential for abuse
- No currently accepted medical use

Heroin | Marijuana
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PCP | LSD
Schedule II

- High potential for abuse
- Some medicinal use

Cocaine  

opium

Some opium derivatives

Dronabinol

(synthetic marijuana)
Schedule III

- Less potential for abuse than I & II
- Current accepted medical use
- Low/moderate physical dependence or high psychological dependence
Schedule III - Drugs

- Barbiturate preparations
- Certain preparations of codeine
Schedule IV

- Lower potential for abuse than schedule III
- Valid medical use
- Limited dependence

Darvon  Phenobarbital
Valium    Librium
Schedule V

- Low abuse potential
- Valid medical use
- Lower potential for producing dependence than schedule IV

Robitussin

Low dose codeine preps.