Types of Drugs

Most drugs fit into one or more of the following categories:

• Narcotics
• Hallucinogens
• Depressants
• Stimulants
Narcotics induce a state of lethargy or sluggishness

- Narcotics are analgesics – relieve pain
- Most come from the poppy plant
- Example Narcotics
  - Morphine
  - Heroin
  - OxyContin
  - Methadone
  - Codeine
Hallucinogens - cause marked alterations in normal thought process, perceptions, and moods

- Marijuana
- LSD
- PCP
- Acid
Depressants – depress (slow down) action in the Central Nervous System

- Alcohol
- Barbiturates (downers)
- Inhalants
• Cocaine
• Crack
• Crystal Meth
• Amphetamines

Stimulants – stimulate (speed up) action in the Central Nervous System