

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



Prescription drugs are controlled and administered under the recommendations of a health professional. A practitioner prescribes drugs to treat various conditions and when taken under the appropriate dose and treatment plan, drug use will aid in recovery or dampening symptoms for the patient.

A few types of prescription medications are however used recreationally for prescription stimulants. It's at a certain point of use where prescription drugs can be misused and will deviate from their intended purpose.

A common prescription stimulant is Ritalin, prescribed to treat people suffering Attention Deficient Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), in contrast Ritalin has a presence within the general public usually with the aim of gaining increased concentration (in times where focused study or high/stressful demands at work are required) and also for recreational use in social gatherings, (a high dose can lead to ecstasy and less appealing effects like seizure's).

Some would say recreational use of Ritalin gave a feeling of reward for useless tasks however was noted to be diminishing their humanness in the process.

Prescription stimulants (especially at high doses) have been known to cause:

- Psychomotor agitation (excessive movement)
- Heightened confusion in general environments
- Impaired judgement
- Sometimes even psychosis
- Extreme drowsiness and fatigue after the high.

Hence it can be dangerous performing tasks that require sound judgments and fine motor skills if under the influence of Ritalin (or any stimulant prescription drug).

The scope of prescription drug misuse is very large, for further information on Ritalin and other prescription drug examples source [NZ Drug Foundation](#) and [The Level](#)