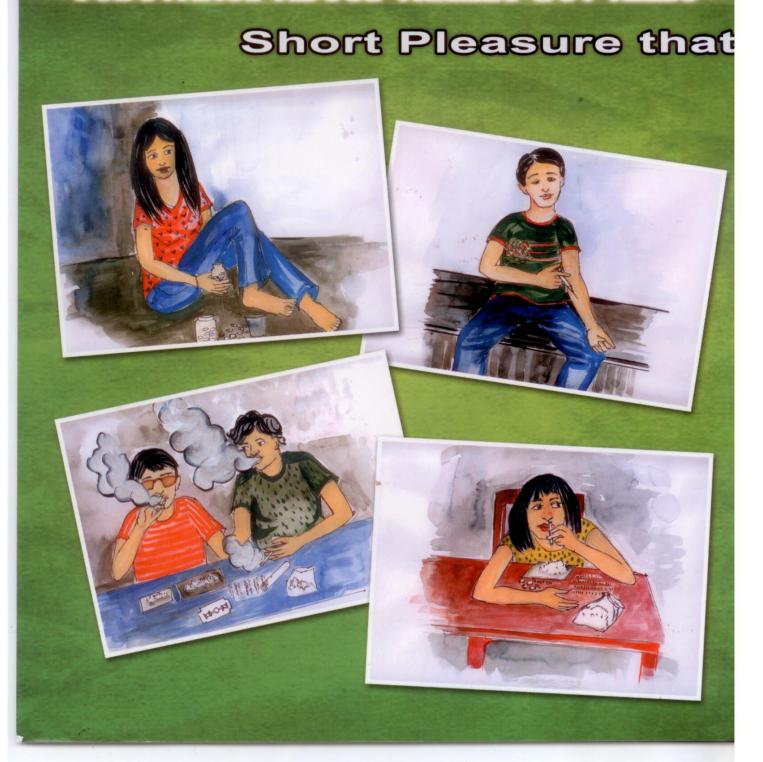
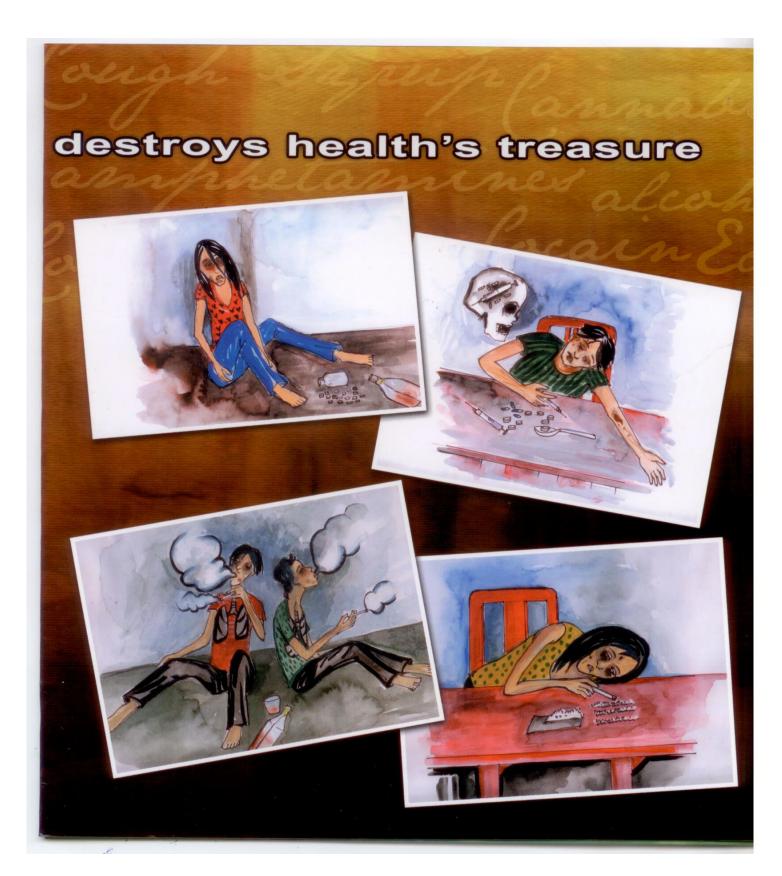
SUBSTANCE ABUSE THRILLS BUT KILLS



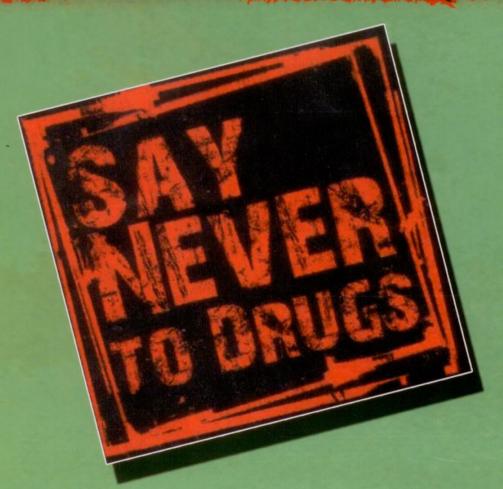


Substance abuse is the Hazardous use of psychoactive substances that can change the consciousness, mood, and thoughts of those who take them. They include legal drugs, such as tobacco, pain killer, cough syrup and alcohol; as well as illicit drugs, such as cannabis, amphetamines, ecstasy, cocaine, and heroin. Besides these dendrite, pain balm, etc. are some other abusive substances.

It leads to dependence syndrome like

- Strong desire to take the drugs
- Difficulty in controlling its use
- Persisting in its use despite harmful consequences.
- Higher priority given to drug use than any other activities and obligation
- Increased tolerance
- Sometimes a physical withdrawal state that can range from mild anxiety to seizures and hallucinations. Drug overdose may also cause death.

Substance Abuse Costs





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Individual Substantially

Warning signs to know if someone is abusing substance/drugs:

Physical signs of drug abuse

- Bloodshot eyes, pupils larger or smaller than usual
- Changes in appetite or sleep patterns
- Sudden weight loss or weight gain
- Deterioration of physical appearance, personal grooming habits
- Unusual smells on breath, body, or clothing
- Tremors, slurred speech, or impaired coordination

Behavioral signs of drug abuse

- Drop in attendance and performance at work or school
- Unexplained need for money or financial problems; may borrow or steal to get it. Engaging in secretive or suspicious behaviors
- Sudden change in friends, favourite hangouts, and hobbies
- Frequently getting into trouble (fights, accidents, illegal activities)

Psychological warning signs of drug abuse

- Unexplained change in personality or attitude
- Sudden mood swings, irritability, or angry outbursts
- Periods of unusual hyperactivity, agitation, or giddiness
- Lack of motivation; appears lethargic or "spaced out" appears fearful, anxious, or paranoid, with no reason

and the Nation as a whole

JJ Act on Substance / Drugs Abuse:

Sec 77 of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015: Whoever gives intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs or tobacco products or psychotropic substance to a child, except on the order of a duly qualified medical practitioner, shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to a fine which may extend up to one lakh rupees.

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