## HEROIN

HEROIN IS AN <u>OPIOID DRUG</u> THAT IS TAKEN INTO YOUR <u>BLOODSTREAM THROUGH INJECTION</u>.

STREET NAMES: DOPE, HERO, BLACK TAR, H, BROWN

SUGAR, SMACK, THUNDER

METHODS OF ABUSE: INJECTIONS INTO THE VEINS,

MUSCLES, OR UNDER SKIN, AND SNORTING

SHORT TERM EFFECTS: DRY MOUTH, NAUSEA,

VOMITING, SEVERE ITCHING, AND WARM FLUSHING

OF THE SKIN



(IF NEEDLE IS DIRTY): HIV, HEPATITIS, BACTERIAL INFECTIONS, INFECTION OF THE HEART LINING OR VALVES EFFECTS ON THE MIND: HORMONAL IMBALANCES, DECISION MAKING IS MESSED UP, STRESSFUL SITUATION RESPONSE IS MESSED UP, PHYSICAL DEPENDENCE ON THE DRUG

<u>Legal Status</u>: In the USA, it is illegal since people abuse it often and it has no real medical use <u>Consequences of Use</u>:

- ★ POSSESSION IN THE THIRD DEGREE: UP TO \$35,000 IN A FINE AND 2-5 YEAR IN PRISON
- ➤ POSSESSION IN THE FOURTH DEGREE: UP TO \$15,000 IN A FINE AND UP TO T18 MONTHS IN PRISON
- ★ USING IT: A FINE UP TO \$500
- ★ NEAR SCHOOL PROPERTY: 100 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
- ★ SECOND OFFENSIVES ARE DOUBLE THE NORMAL CONSEQUENCE

IMPACTS: THE GOVERNMENT LOSES MONEY ON ARRESTING AND HOLDING DRUG USERS IN PRISON, BUT IT ALSO GETS MONEY FROM FINES.

