

## MOST COMMONLY ABUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Type of Drug	Why used	Why Abused
<p><b>#1 - Pain Relievers:</b></p> <p>Actiq            Codeine            Darvon        Lorcet            Lortab         Morphine            Methadone    OxyContin            Percocet      Vicodin</p>	<p>Used to relieve moderate-to-severe pain</p> <p>These medications block pain signals to the brain</p>	<p>To get high</p> <p>Increase feelings of well being by affecting the brain regions that mediate pleasure</p>
<p><b>#2 - Sedatives - Tranquilizers:</b></p> <p>Ambien         Ativan            Klonopin       Lunesta            Mebaral        Nembutal            Restoril        Soma            Valium          Xanax</p>	<p>Used to slow down or 'depress' the functions of the brain and central nervous system</p>	<p>Feel calm</p> <p>Reduce stress</p> <p>Sleep</p>
<p><b>#3 - Stimulants:</b></p> <p>Adderall            Concerta            Dexedrine            Ritalin</p>	<p>Primarily used to treat ADHD type symptoms, these speed up brain activity causing increased alertness, attention, and energy that comes with elevated blood pressure, increased heart rate and breathing</p>	<p>Feel alert</p> <p>Focused and full of energy, perhaps around final exams or to manage coursework,</p> <p>Lose weight</p>