

Substance Use Vocabulary
Clinical Terms vs Street (common) Term(s)

<i>Clinical Term(s)</i>	<i>Street Term(s)</i>
Street Drugs	
Benzodiazepines	Pam, benzo, anything that ends with “pam”
Cannabis/Marijuana	Pot, Weed, Ganja, Bud, Green, Grass, Chronic, Dank, Shatter, Hash, Butter, Mary Jane, Herb, The Nugs
Cocaine	Powder, Soft, Up, Girl, Coke, Snow, Yayo, Schnay
Crack	Free Base, Rock, Hard, Boys
Crystal Methamphetamine	Meth, Gak, Speed, Side, Jib, Crystal, Windows, Glass
Ecstasy/MDMA	Molly, M, E, vitamin E, XTC
GHB	Water, G
Hydrocodone	Hydros
Hydromorphone/Dilaudid	Dillies, Hydromorph,
Ketamine	Special K, K, K-hole
Nitrous Oxide	Hippie crack, Whippets, Laughing gas, Nitrous
LSD	Acid, Cid
Mushrooms	Magic mushrooms, Mush, Shrooms, Zoomers, Zoom, Muggo
Heroin	Down, Junk, Dope, Pants, Diz, Black tar, China white, Smack, Brown
Fentanyl	Fent ¹ , Down
Rohypnol (Flunitrazepam)	Roofies
Steroids	Roids, Juice
Suboxone	Subs
Methaqualone	Ludes, Quaaludes
Cocaine mixed with heroine	Speedball

¹ When fentanyl is referred to as fent, it is often associated with police involvement and makes people uncomfortable.

Harm Reduction Supplies (Gear)	
Syringe/needle	Rigs, Spikes
Bubble pipe	Glass, Bubble, Gak pipe
Straight pipe/straight stem	Straight shooter, Crack pipe, Tubes
Mouthpiece	Hose, Tubing
Tourniquet	Tie, Tie off
How People Use	
Ingesting	Drop, Pop, Parachuting (specific term used for wrapping something in paper and ingesting with fluids)
Injecting	Fix, Smash, Getting well
Smoking	Dragons, Puff, Hoot, Hit
Snorting	Doing Rails, Lines, Bump, Rip

Substance Use Vocabulary Glossary of Terms

Common Term	Meaning
Quantity of substance²	
Point	1/10 of a gram (measurement of sale to indicate tolerance/danger threshold)
Zip, O's	1 Ounce
Ball, Game	3.5 grams
Half ball, Flap,	1.75 grams
Little boy (small bag of crack), Spit, Half gram, Half	0.3g
Unit	Kilogram
Other Common Terms	
The Count	Number of syringes/needles collected during the day's outreach
Dopesick, Crash Symptoms	Uncomfortable feelings of withdrawal from heroin or other opioids
What colour you got?	Colour explains what fentanyl is mixed with
Dope	Any illicit substance
Wired	Drug Dependence
Cutting Drugs, Stepping, Stomping, Buffing	Mixing other substances into drugs
Works, gear, supplies	Common term for all harm reduction supplies

² These terms are more commonly used to describe quantity in terms of cost. The actual quantity in grams varies depending on price fluctuations, i.e. some suppliers increase or decrease the quantity to keep the price constant.