

DATE RAPE DRUGS

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ABSTRACT

This paper is on date rape drugs, they are the drugs that are sometimes used to help a sexual assault. Sexual assault is any type of sexual activity that any person does not agree to.. These drugs are powerful and dangerous. They can be slipped into drinks and food. The drugs often have no color, smell, or taste, so you can't tell if you are being drugged. The drugs can make you become weak and confused — or even pass out — so that you are unable to refuse sex or defend yourself. If you are drugged, you might not remember what happened while you were drugged. Date rape drugs are used on both females and males. The drugs Rohypnol, Gamma hydroxybutyric acid, Ketamine are usually used as date rape drugs. These drugs results in symptoms such as drowsiness, low blood pressure, confusions, stomach problems, they may result even in death. Therefore, both male and female must take the precautionary measures to not to get drugged.

KEY WORDS: date rape drugs, sexual assault, rohypnol, ketamine, low blood pressure.

INTRODUCTION

Science and technology has played its own essential role in our daily lives. Its various branches like chemistry, biology, etc limit their studies with respect to one field of life. Chemistry which deals with chemical reactions in daily life within and out of our body. Drugs are products which show some effects and undergo certain reactions. Among these drugs we do have some very useful and others having harmful effects. “Date rape drugs” are some which are considered under category of some of the harmful drugs.

What exactly does the term date rape drugs mean?

Wikipedia: ‘A date rape drug, also referred as a predator drug, is an incapacitating agent which, when administered to another person and renders them vulnerable to a drug facilitated sexual assault DFSA including rape’.

Oxford dictionaries: ‘A drug that causes temporary loss of memory or inhibition, surreptitiously given to someone in order to facilitate rape or sexual assault’.

TYPES OF DATE RAPE DRUGS

Since these drugs disturb the capacity to judge and they become weak and they may cause seizures and deaths. By taking into consideration these effects we have got following types which are most commonly used as date rape drugs.

1. Rohypnol
 2. Gamma hydroxybutyric acid
 3. Ketamine
- Alcohol too is considered as one too since it affects judgment and behavior and makes the commission of sexual assault easier.

DATE RAPE DRUGS IN INDIA

- World’s cultural heritage – India plays a major role in the synthetic drug market in world.
 1. There was an article written on date rape drugs published in Times of India on 2nd January 2006 – Date rape drugs available freely. This article focuses on how crimes and their commission has increased ranging from robbery to rape.
 2. In India, Ketamine is not a banned drug in India but its export is restricted. It is manufactured under license in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra. Its value in India rises upto 30,000/- and when exported it can give a profit upto 10,00,000/-
 3. Methamphetamine: generally used in treating obesity and when taken in heavy doses may lead to strokes and even death.

Other names with which the commonly known drugs are called are as follows:

1. Rohypnol

- i. Circles.
- ii. Forget pill
- iii. LA Rochas
- iv. Lunch Money
- v. Mexican Valium
- vi. Mind erasers
- vii. Poor Man`s Quaalude
- viii. R-2
- ix. Rib
- x. Roach
- xi. Roach-2
- xii. Roches
- xiii. Roofies
- xiv. Roopies
- xv. Rope
- xvi. Rophies
- xvii. Ruffies
- xviii. Trip and fall
- xix. Whiteys

2. Gamma hydroxybutyric acid

- i. Bedtime scoop
- ii. Cherry meth
- iii. Easy lay
- iv. Energy drink
- v. G
- vi. Gamma 10
- vii. Georgia home boy
- viii. G-juice

- ix. Gook
- x. Goop
- xi. Great hormones
- xii. Grievous bodily harm (GBH)
- xiii. Liquid E
- xiv. Liquid Ecstasy
- xv. Liquid X
- xvi. PM
- xvii. Salt water
- xviii. Soap
- xix. Somatomax
- xx. Vita-G

3. Ketamine

- i. Black Hole
- ii. Bump
- iii. Cat Valium
- iv. Green
- v. Jet
- vi. K
- vii. K-hole
- viii. Kit Kat
- ix. Psychedelic Heroin
- x. Purple
- xi. Special K
- xii. Super Acid.

SYMPTOMS OF DRUGS

1. **ROPHYNOL**- affects within 30 mins of drug insertion
 - i. Muscle relaxation or loss of muscle control
 - ii. Difficulty with motor movements

- iii. Drunk feeling
- iv. Problems talking
- v. Nausea
- vi. Can't remember what happened while drugged
- vii. Loss of consciousness (black out)
- viii. Confusion
- ix. Problems seeing
- x. Dizziness
- xi. Sleepiness
- xii. Lower blood pressure
- xiii. Stomach problems
- xiv. Death

2. GHB

- i. Relaxation
- ii. Drowsiness
- iii. Dizziness
- iv. Nausea
- v. Problems with vision
- vi. Loss of consciousness (black out)
- vii. Seizures
- viii. Can't remember what happened while drugged
- ix. Breathe related problems
- x. Tremors
- xi. Sweating
- xii. Vomiting
- xiii. Slow heart rate
- xiv. Dream-like feeling
- xv. Coma
- xvi. Death

3. Ketamine

- i. Distorted perceptions of sight and sound
 - ii. Lost sense of time and identity
 - iii. Out of body experiences
 - iv. Dream-like feeling
 - v. Feeling out of control
 - vi. Impaired motor function
 - vii. Breathe problems
 - viii. Convulsions
 - ix. Vomiting
 - x. Memory problem
 - xi. Numbness
 - xii. Loss of coordination
 - xiii. Aggressive or violent behavior
 - xiv. Depression
 - xv. High blood pressure
 - xvi. Slurred speech
- Nail varnish that detects date rape drugs set for release after getting millions of investment- finally in near future a project which has come to light by college students is yet to come out which when applied and dipped in any of the drinks it can detect whether the date rape drugs are mixed in the drink or not. So beauty and precaution both go hand in hand.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO WOMEN

1. Not to leave their drink unattended
2. Check that the drink being served is not from an open container and it must be closed and opened by respective female.
3. Not to accept any drinks from anyone whom they are not well known
4. Its better to avoid the late night parties if possible and if not possible and compulsory to attend better keep a proper check on respective drinks.
5. Enter and exit as a group if as a group they are going.

6. Immediate medical consultation is very important if a friend is showing the symptoms of date rape drugs
7. Its better to notify the females you know about the effects of date rape drugs.
8. Its better for victims to immediately notify the respective authorities.

CONCLUSION

Date rape drugs are being in practice since very long but its our prime responsibility to prevent our females of the nation from being accused. Date rape drugs are the drugs which are very difficult to detect, and which can't be even easily detected. Once a person is drugged he will be under subconscious mind. Therefore, we have to be very careful when we are having food out-side. And suppose, if one is drugged then he should get a treatment as soon as possible. If we take precautionary measures, we can prevent the rapes for some extinct. Nail varnish may prove as an evolutionary detection of these drugs. Finally the quote "Prevention is better than cure".

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