

NEW STREET DRUGS TO KNOW

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1 PHENIBUT

Originally developed by the Soviet Union for cosmonauts headed to space, Phenibut is an addictive anti-anxiety drug and nootropic still prescribed in some Eastern European countries.

2 FANTASY (GHB)

Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate, a drug that users call a 'coma in a battle,' has become a growing problem abroad and threatens to become more prevalent in the US as the post-pandemic club scene returns.

3 FLAKKA (ALPHA-PHP)

A synthetic designer drug, Flakka is a stimulant that mimics the effects of the khat plant. It produces an experience similar to Ecstasy, but the side effects can be far more dangerous.

4 KRATOM

An unregulated, psychoactive herb from Southeast Asia, kratom has made its way into gas stations, bodegas and convenience stores throughout the US, although some states have banned it.

5 FENTANYL & CARFENTANIL

Although the opioid crisis is not new, the emergence of fentanyl and its analog carfentanil have made it more dangerous. Both are several times more potent than morphine.

6 GABAPENTIN

Primarily to treat seizures and general nerve pain, gabapentin has only recently become a concern on the street. Recreational users take the drug to intensify an opioid high or as an opioid substitute.