

Rohypnol – The Date Rape Drug

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- Drug Classification – Benzodiazepine
- Generic Name – Flunitrazepam
- Central nervous system depressant
- Sedative effect is 7 – 10 times more powerful than Valium
- It is tasteless, odorless, and colorless
- Dissolves in liquid
- New pills turn blue when added to liquids. However, the old pills, with no color, are still available

(Sources: National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2006 & Drug Information Online, 2006)

Effects of Drug:

- Impaired judgment
- Loss of inhibitions
- Memory impairment
- Amnesia
- Sedation
- Dizziness
- Muscle relaxation
- Decreased coordination
- Decreased blood pressure
- Slurred speech
- Loss of consciousness
- Visual disturbances
- Nausea

(Sources: Klein & Kramer, 2004 & US Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health, 2004)

Common Street Names for Rohypnol:

- Circles
- Mexican Valium
- Rib
- Roach 2
- Roofies
- Roopies
- Rope
- Ruffies

(Sources: Klein & Kramer, 2004)

Medical Uses

- Not used in the USA, but used in Mexico & Europe as a:
 - Sleep aide
 - Anesthetic

(Source: US Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health, 2004)

How is it supplied?

- Comes in 1 and 2 mg tablets
- Onset - 30 minutes
- Peaks - 1 to 2 hours
- Lasts – 8 to 10 hours
- Half-life - 19 to 23 hours

(Sources: Gahlinger, 2004; Klein & Kramer, 2004; National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2006 & US Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health, 2004)

Testing

- Difficult to detect – requires a lab that specializes in Rohypnol testing
- Urine sample needs to be obtained within 72 hours

(Source: Drug Information Online, 2006)

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