

GHB – GAMMA HYDROXYBUTYRIC ACID

DESCRIPTION – GHB in its organic state is a natural fatty acid that secretes small amounts of hormones in the body. Bodybuilders, in the late 1970's and early 1980's, found that GHB could be synthetically made by combining gamma butyrolactone (cleaning solvent) and sodium hydroxide (caustic soda). It was found that this synthetically made GHB could secrete hormones within the body, as well as provide the user with sleep inducing qualities (similar to tranquilizers), to alleviate the pain and discomfort associated with steroid use. Within the last 10 years individuals have found GHB useful in sedating other individuals for non-consensual sexual activity. Young people (specifically "RAVERS") have found GHB enhances the effects of other drugs such as Special-K and Ecstasy.

PACKAGING – GHB can be used and distributed in either powder or liquid form. GHB, in its liquid form, is usually clear in color and has the consistency of thin syrup. Liquid GHB both smells and tastes like salt water. The powder form of GHB is packaged and sold in plastic bags and glass vials, and is similar in texture to powder cocaine. The liquid form is usually contained within soda and water bottles and is consumed by the capful.

WHERE THE DRUG IS SOLD – GHB can be found at gyms, nightclubs, "RAVE" parties and clubs. The drug can also be found at most college campuses, as well as sold over the Internet.

METHODS OF USE – GHB can be snorted in its powder form. Both the powder and liquid can be mixed into any type of drink. Liquid GHB can be orally ingested by itself.

STREET PRICES – Vials and "bags" of powder GHB are sold in \$20, \$40, and \$50 increments. A "capful" of liquid GHB can range in price from \$3 to \$10 each.

STREET NAMES – GHB is referred to as CHERRY, GEORGIA HOMEBOY, LIQUID X, EASY LAY, LIQUID E, G-JUICE, "G", GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM, SCOOP, and SEA WATER/SALTY WATER.

PHYSICAL EFFECTS – Drowsiness, unconsciousness, loss of sexual inhibitions, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, tremors and respiratory arrest.

USEFUL INFORMATION – GHB has been referred to as one of the "date rape" drugs of the 90's. Due to the fact that it can place the user or unsuspecting victim into a state that is between consciousness and unconsciousness, it is widely utilized by both males and females by predatory individuals.