

ROHYPNOL – FLUNITRAZEPAM – (ROOFIES)

DESCRIPTION – Flunitrazepam—marketed under the trade name Rohypnol—is manufactured worldwide, particularly in Europe and Latin America, in 1- and 2-milligram tablets by Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., a large pharmaceutical manufacturer. However, the drug neither is manufactured nor approved for medical use in the United States. The drug has no taste or odor.

PACKAGING – Rohypnol tablets are white, scored on one side, with the word "ROCHE" and an encircled one or two (depending on the dosage) on the other. They are sold in pre-sealed bubble packs of one or two mg doses. Rohypnol can often be dissolved in a drink, and undetectable.

WHERE THE DRUG IS SOLD – Raves, parties, and college campuses.

METHODS OF USE – Rohypnol is swallowed or put into drinks to disguise the drug also known as the “Date Rape” drug.

STREET PRICES – The drug comes from Mexico and the price varies.

STREET NAMES – Roofies, rophies, Roche, forget-me pill, date rape drug.

PHYSICAL EFFECTS – Rohypnol intoxication is generally associated with impaired judgment and impaired motor skills and can make a victim unable to resist a sexual attack. The combination of alcohol and Rohypnol is also particularly hazardous because together, their effects on memory and judgment are greater than the effects resulting from either taken alone. Effects begin within thirty minutes, peak within two hours, and can persist for up to eight hours. It is commonly reported that persons who become intoxicated on a combination of alcohol and Rohypnol have "blackouts" lasting eight to twenty-four hours following ingestion. Losing your social inhibitions is another widely reported effect of Rohypnol, when taken alone or in combination with alcohol. The drug has no taste or odor so the victims don't realize what is happening. About ten minutes after ingesting the drug, the woman may feel dizzy and disoriented, simultaneously too hot and too cold, or nauseated. She may experience difficulty speaking and moving, and then pass out. Such victims have no memories of what happened while under the drug's influence. Adverse effects of Rohypnol use include, decreased blood pressure, memory impairment, drowsiness, visual disturbances, dizziness, confusion, gastrointestinal disturbances and urinary retention.