

Existing well known and new psychoactive illicit drugs with a broad ranging hazardous potential. A detailed report on one's experiences

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ABSTRACT

Regarding the prevalence of illicit psychoactive drugs about one third of the adults in Germany are experienced with such kind of drugs. Consumption of classical illegal drugs like heroin and cocaine seems to be unchanged. This article focuses essentially on 'natural and synthetic drugs' with respect to (i) injecting drug users (IDU) with the potential of spreading blood borne infections such as, e.g., HBV, HCV and HIV and (ii) people actively participating in sexual exposure settings where psychotropic drugs are concomitantly used. Entactogenic [1,2] drugs are also in demand in these settings especially for sexual stimulation. The

addressed issues are to highlight the complexity of the misuse of illicit psychotropic drugs in Germany, and then both targeting directly the individual, temporally limited as well as permanently following hazards of health; furthermore, the indirect consequences are the increasing spread of STIs (sexually transmitted infections) that poses the next relevant issues for public health and social importance. The drugs discussed here are no longer restricted to the most-at-risk populations [3] but have been expanded to include the general population.

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