

Cough Medicine

Cough medicine is mainly used as a cough suppressant. Some cough medicines contain addictive opiates, such as codeine. As it is cheap and easy to buy without medical prescription, cough medicine is often abused by people seeking for a feeling of euphoria.

Street Names

"Robo", "DXM"

What It Looks Like

Usually in syrup form.

Effects and Dangers

- memory loss
- confusion
- heart problems
- reduced breathing rate
- cold sweats
- headaches
- brain damage
- intoxication and drug induced mental disorders

Special Dangers

Many abusers underestimate the addictiveness of cough medicine and gradually increasing the dosages, thus increasing the risks. Young people often turn to heroin to satisfy their craving for cough mixtures.

Legal Aspect

Some cough medicines contain Part I poisons such as codeine and dextromethorphan, which are controlled under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance. It is an offence to illegally possess a Part I poison.