**GHB**

GHB stands for gamma hydroxybutyric acid which is a central nervous system depressant and generates feeling of euphoria. It can cause drowsiness even at low doses and may lead to unconsciousness or even death on high dosages.

**Street Names**

"GHB", "Liquid Ecstasy", "Liquid X", "Liquid E", "G"

**What It Looks Like**

GHB is a colourless liquid and is commonly encountered as its sodium salt (known as sodium gamma hydroxybutyrate or sodium oxybate) which is a white powder. Sodium GHB is often dissolved in a liquid (mainly water) to form GHB solution for illicit usage.

**Effects and Dangers**

- fatal poisoning
- sweating
- breathing difficulties
- loss of consciousness
- anxiety
- convulsions
- tremors
- seizures
- nausea
- coma
- dependence

**Special Dangers**

This clear, odourless liquid is often used as "date rape" drug and added to flavoured drinks to mask its salty taste. It can be put into a person's drink when they are not aware, making them vulnerable to sexual assault or rape.

**Legal Aspect**
GHB is a dangerous drug controlled under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance. It is an offence to illegally manufacture, supply or possess GHB.