



# GHB



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### Truth & Choices

The Office of Attorney General has created this new anti-drug program to introduce middle and high school students to Shane. A popular kid from a suburban Pennsylvania school, Shane shares this true story of hard choices and near death experiences due to drugs and alcohol. The presentation features interviews with Shane (from prison), his family, law enforcement and the medical community. It's a reality check for all students and will open a unique dialogue about the realities of substance abuse. There is also a program for parents. Both programs are available on DVD and can be ordered free-of-charge from the Office of Attorney General Education & Outreach Unit.

To order a copy of the DVD and/or to request a "Truth & Choices" school or community presentation to be given by the Office of Attorney General, please contact our Education & Outreach Unit toll-free at **800-525-7642** or via email at [education@attorneygeneral.gov](mailto:education@attorneygeneral.gov).



# Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid

### PHYSICAL EFFECTS:

- drowsiness
- unconsciousness
- loss of sexual inhibitions
- slowed breathing
- memory loss
- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- seizures
- tremors
- respiratory arrest
- coma

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

*While we as parents, teachers and members of the law enforcement community have been focusing our efforts in combating teen use of drugs such as cocaine and heroin, the so-called “Club Drugs” have crept into our children’s lives. Of particular concern to me has been the use of GHB- Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid. Also known as the “Date-Rape Drug”, GHB is particularly dangerous because many of those teens ingesting it don’t even know they have taken it until after they have become victims of sexual assault. GHB can place an unsuspecting victim into a near- unconscious state. GHB is widely used by sexual predators.*

*In 1999 the General Assembly passed a series of bills which added GHB and its precursor drug, GBL, to the list of Schedule I controlled substances. These laws allow state and local law enforcement officials to crack down on its use.*

*Nonetheless, GHB is still available at all night underage dance parties, “Raves” and on college campuses. This guide will help inform young adults about the dangers of GHB and the importance of making choices that will help keep them from becoming victims.*

# Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid GHB

GHB,

known as a Date Rape Drug, can be

manufactured in kitchen sinks.

Sexual predators have found its

sedation qualities useful for sedating

other individuals to engage in

non-consensual sex.

Young people have also found that

GHB enhances the effect of “Club

Drugs” such as Special-K and Ecstasy.

### PACKAGING:

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

### WHERE THE DRUG IS SOLD:

GHB can be found at gyms, nightclubs, “Rave” parties and clubs. The drug can also be found at college campuses and is 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 or injected through a hypodermic needle.

### STREET PRICES AND 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.**

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.