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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Glossary Item

Synonymous names: Illegal drug

METEOR identifier: 413485

Registration status: Community Services (retired), Standard 06/02/2012
Health, Standard 28/04/2016

Definition: An illicit drug is defined as any drug which is illegal to possess or use or any legal drug used in an illegal manner, for example:

- a drug obtained on prescription but given or sold to another person to use
- glue or petrol which is sold legally, but is used in a manner that is not intended, such as inhaling fumes
- stolen pharmaceuticals sold on the black market (e.g. Pethidine)

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: The 2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey report defines illicit drugs as illegal drugs (such as marijuana/cannabis), prescription or over-the-counter pharmaceuticals (such as analgesics/pain-killers or tranquillisers/sleeping pills) used for illicit purposes, and other substances used inappropriately (such as naturally occurring hallucinogens and inhalants).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2008. 2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey: first results. Drug Statistics Series number 20.Cat. no. PHE 98. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Metadata items which use this glossary item:

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Community Services (retired), Standard 06/02/2012
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Prisoner health NBEDS
Health, Standard 28/04/2016

Prisoner health NBEDS 2018
Health, Qualified 06/07/2023

Prisoner health NBEDS 2022
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