

# Illicit drug

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Glossary Item
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Illegal drug
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	413485
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 06/02/2012 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 28/04/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a drug obtained on prescription but given or sold to another person to use</li><li>• glue or petrol which is sold legally, but is used in a manner that is not intended, such as inhaling fumes</li><li>• stolen pharmaceuticals sold on the black market (e.g. Pethidine)</li></ul>

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	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).
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	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

<b>Metadata items which use this glossary item:</b>	<a href="#">Person—substance used illicitly indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a> <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 06/02/2012 <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 28/04/2016 <a href="#">Prisoner health NBEDS</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 28/04/2016 <a href="#">Prisoner health NBEDS 2018</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Qualified 06/07/2023 <a href="#">Prisoner health NBEDS 2022</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Qualified 06/07/2023
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