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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| Synonymous names: | Illegal drug |
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| 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) |

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| 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 |
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| Relational attributes | |
| Metadata items which use this glossary item: | [Person—substance used illicitly indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/365254)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 06/02/2012  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 28/04/2016  [Prisoner health NBEDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/482311)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 28/04/2016  [Prisoner health NBEDS 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/698664)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Qualified 06/07/2023  [Prisoner health NBEDS 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/773317)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Qualified 06/07/2023 |