

# Person—illicit substance use frequency, never/sometimes/often/very often/unknown code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Illicit substance use frequency
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	766078
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 29/05/2024
<b>Definition:</b>	How often a person has used a substance in an illegal manner, as represented by code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—illicit substance use frequency</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Never/sometimes/often/very often/unknown code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Never
	2	Sometimes
	3	Often
	4	Very Often
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Unknown

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.
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### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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### Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Substances used illicitly cluster \(prison dischargee\)](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 29/05/2024

***Conditional obligation:***

Conditional on a CODE 1 yes response to [Person—substance used illicitly indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N](#) for illicit drug use in the last 12 months while in the community.

***DSS specific information:***

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Prison Dischargee Form:

24b. How often did you use these substances in the 12 months you spent in the community prior to your current prison sentence?

[Substances used illicitly cluster \(prison entrants\)](#)

[Health](#), Standard 29/05/2024

***Conditional obligation:***

Conditional on person using a substance in an illicit manner in the last 12 months.