

# JUST THE FACTS

## Purple Drank

Purple drank is made by mixing prescription cold medicine, a clear soft drink like Sprite and jolly ranchers. This substance has powerful effects on its users mind and body.

## Identification

**Street Names:** Barre, Bo, Drank, Lean, Purple Jelly, Sip-Sip, Sizzurp, Syrup, Texas Tea

**What's it Look Like?** The prescription cough syrups used in purple drank contain both codeine and promethazine. These are both depressants and when taken in large doses they create feelings of euphoria. The drink is sometimes called "Lean" because of the way users walk while on the substance.

## Warning Signs of Abuse

- Having trouble walking straight
- Dropping old friends and favorite activities
- A change in grades and school performance
- Slurred, raspy speech
- A change in sleeping habits, such as suddenly sleeping all of the time

## Facts about Purple Drank

- The effects of Purple Drank will usually last for 3 to 6 hours.
- Withdrawal from purple drank is very painful and can last from 4 to 7 days
- Purple drank is addictive!
- Purple Drank has been linked to numerous deaths including hip hop artists DJ Screw, Big Moe, and Pimp C.
- Hip-hop artists have popularized this dangerous substance by endorsing it in their music.



## Short-Term Effects

- Raspy voice
- Slurred speech
- Uncontrolled heart rate
- Loss of coordination and balance
- Drowsiness
- Vomiting
- Hallucinations



## Long-Term Effects

- Addiction
- Central nervous system damage
- Seizures
- Death

## Refusal Tips for Kids

It's not always easy for a kid to keep their cool in the face of peer pressure. Give them a few suggestions on how to say "NO" like:

- "No thanks. That stuff can kill you."
- "I'm not into drugs."
- "Nah. That's not my thing."
- "No way. You can get addicted to that stuff."

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