

Street Drug Pharmacology 2021

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Emerging Drugs of Abuse discussion group

CNS depressants

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- Tolerance develops
- Physical dependence withdrawal symptoms moderate to severe/life-threatening
- Physical toxicity (overdose) potential high/other immediate & long-term physical toxicity low
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CNS depressants: Withdrawal symptoms

- Tremor
- Agitation
- Insomnia
- Sweating
- Elevated pulse and blood pressure
- Sensory hypersensitivity
- (Stomach cramps)
- (Nausea/vomiting)
- Seizures

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Sedative-Hypnotics

- Barbiturates (Rare, but physically dangerous)
- Non-barbiturates
 - Ambien
 - Lunestra
 - (Rozeram)
 - Restoril (tenazepam)

Benzodiazepines

- Xanax (alprazolam)
- Klonopin (clonazepam)
- Valium (diazepam)
- Ativan (lorazepam)

Purple Drank

- Drank
- Syrup
- Sizzup
- Lean

Purple Drank

- Codeine/promethazine cough syrup
- Mountain Dew/Sprit
- Jolly Rancher candy



Purple Drank

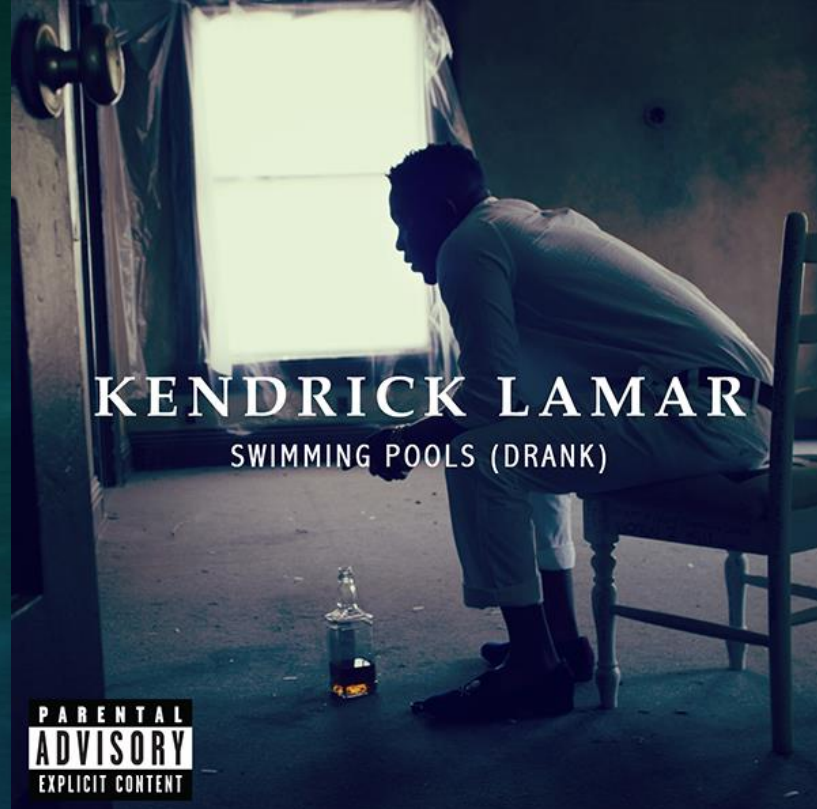
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- May have originated as early as 1960s
- Popular in Texas in early 90s
- Spread through southern states, then nationwide
- Mentioned in rap and hip-hop music
- 2014: Justin Bieber



KENDRICK LAMAR

SWIMMING POOLS (DRANK)

PARENTAL
ADVISORY
EXPLICIT CONTENT

Pour up (Drank drank drank drank)
Head shot (Drank drank drank drank)
Sit down (Drank drank drank drank)
Stand up (Drank drank drank drank)
Pass out (Drank drank drank drank)
Wake up (Drank drank drank drank)
Faded (Drank drank drank drank)

Purple Drank

- Codeine: Opiate effect
 - Sedation
 - Pain relief
 - Euphoria
- Promethazine (Antihistamine):
 - Sedation
 - Potentiates codeine
 - May be more lethal than codeine

Purple Drank

- Sometimes (less often) hydrocodone (Vicodin) cough syrup
- Cheaper “knock-off” version contains dextromethorphan (DXM)
 - Sedative in small doses
 - Dissociative anesthetic (like PCP) in high doses



Sippin Syrup



Slow your roll

PURPLE DRANK
ima grip and sip



WARNING!

**THIS
BEVERAGE
MAY BE
EXTREMELY
RELAXING AND
CALMING**



Purple Drank

The Nutritional Supplement of Champions